

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT SURVEILLANCE TASK FORCE MEETING UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SHIVAMOGGA DISTRICT, SHIVAMOGGA.**

**Venue: Meeting Hall Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga  
Date: 29.03.2019 at 5:00 P.M**

Chairman of the committee : Sri. K. A. Dayananda, IAS,  
Deputy Commissioner,  
Shivamogga District, Shivamogga.

Members of the Committee : 1. Sri. S.N.Lakshmikanth, Police Inspector  
P.I, DCRB, DPO, Shivamogga,  
(Represented SP, Shivamogga).  
2. Dr L.K. Sripathi, Vice Principal,  
JNNCE, Shivamogga.

Member Convener : Sri. Y.S. Harishanakar,  
Regional Officer, KSPCB, Shivamogga.

**THE OFFICERS PRESENT:**

1. Sri. R Krishnamurthy, Project Director, DUDC, Shivamogga.
2. Sri. Manohar, Commissioner, CMC, Bhadravathi.
3. Sri. H. Mahantesh, Commissioner, CMC, Sagar.
4. Sri. G.S. Kumaraswamy, E E, UTP Division, Shivamogga.
5. Sri. C. Ravindra, AEE, KUWS&DB, Shivamogga.
6. Sri. Gangadhar. T, AEE, KUWS&DB, Shivamogga.
7. Sri. K. Manjunatha, AEE, DUDC, Shivamogga.
8. Sri. Veerabhadraiah.S.R., Chief Officer, TP, Hosanagara.
9. Sri. Jagadeesh Naik, Chief Officer, TP, Soraba.
10. Sri. Kuriya Kose, Chief Officer, TP, Thirthahalli.
11. Sri. Rudregowda, Environmental Engineer, CMC, Bhadravathi.
12. Sri. H. Prabhakar, Environmental Engineer, CMC, Sagar.
13. Smt. Sudharani S.V., Environmental Engineer, CC, Shivamogga.
14. Sri. S. Shashidhar, Agricultural Officer, JDA Office, Shivamogga.
15. Sri. Nirmala Nadan, Geologist, Ground Water, Shivamogga.
16. Sri. Shivaprasad.B.B., J E, TP, Thirthahalli.
17. Sri. Rajkumar.M.H.SHI, TMC , Shikaripura
18. Sri. Syed Nawaz , SHI, TP, Shiralakoppa.
19. Sri. Ramesha.C., JHI , TP, Thirthahalli.
20. Sri. D.Lokeshwara, DGM-EMD, SAIL/VISL, Bhadravathi.
21. Sri. M.Surendra Pai, Superintendent, MPM Ltd. Bhadravathi.

Sri. Harishankar.Y.S, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board Regional Office, Shivamogga and Member Convenor of the Committee welcomed the Chairman, members and the Officers for the meeting. He requested Deputy Commissioner to convene the meeting, the Member Convenor informed that the State Pollution Control Boards are collecting the river water samples at various locations, these river water samples results are submitted to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) New Delhi. The CPCB has analysed the Data for the year 2016-17 and monitoring locations exceeding the water quality criteria, the CPCB has categorised the polluted river stretches into 5 priority classes based on Bio Chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) concentration.

Priority 1 is having BOD exceeding 30 mg/l, Priority 2 is having BOD between 20-30 mg/l, Priority 3 is having BOD between 10-20mg/l, Priority 4 is having BOD between 6-10mg/l and Priority 5 is having BOD between 3-6 mg/l, the CPCB has identified 351 river stretches in India as polluted river stretches. In Karnataka there are 17 polluted river stretches. In Shivamogga District there are two polluted river stretches namely.

- 1) Bhadra River (Bhadravathi to Holehonnur – under Priority 4).
- 2) Tunga River (Shivamogga to Kudli- under Priority 5).

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) has registered the application on the basis of news item dated:17-09-2018 in the "THE HINDU". The Hon'ble NGT Principal Bench New Delhi, has given the order on 20.09.2018 on O.A No. 673/2018. As per Hon'ble NGT Orders, the Government of Karnataka has constituted the River Rejuvenation Committee under the Chairmanship of The Principal Secretary Government (Ecology and Environment) Forest, Ecology and Environment Department on 24-11-2018 with members consisting of Director for Municipal Administration, Commissioner for Industries and Member Secretary, KSPCB, Bangalore. The Government of Karnataka has also constituted District level Special Environmental Surveillance Task Force on 03-01-2019 as per the directions of Hon'ble NGT. This Task Force consists of Deputy Commissioner, as Chairman of the Committee, Superintendent of Police as Member, one member to be nominated by District Judge in his capacity as Chairman of Legal Services Authority and Regional Officer of KSPCB of concerned district will be Member Convenor of the Task Force. The Hon'ble District Judge has nominated Dr L.K. Sripathi, Vice Principal, JNNCE, Shivamogga as the Member of the Task Force.

He further informed that the Hon'ble NGT, have issued the directions in the above order to prepare action plans within two months. The Board has prepared the action plan and the same was submitted to the Hon'ble NGT.

He further informed that this committee has to submit a monthly action taken report to the State level River Rejuvenation Committee and inturn State Level Committee has to submit Quarterly report or the action taken report to the CPCB.

The Chairman of the Committee informed that there are two polluted River Stretches in Shivamogga District. The pollution of River will be mainly due to discharge of industrial effluents, discharge of domestic effluent and dumping of Solid Waste into Rivers and instructed all the concerned Officers to take this issue on top priority. He instructed Commissioner Bhadravathi to furnish the latest status of the UGD and Sewage Treatment Plant. The Commissioner has informed that one STP is working at Jetpetnagar and another STP is under construction at APMC, Bhadravathi. He informed that in some areas the untreated Sewage is joining the river through natural nala/drain. Shri. C.Ravindra AEE, KUWS&DB informed that the work is under progress and expected to be completed before March 2020. He informed that house to house connections to the UGD has to be improved. The Local Body has to pressurize the people to get it this work on top priority. The Deputy Commissioner has instructed the Commissioner, Bhadravathi to carry out this work on top priority.

**(Action : CMC, Bhadravathi & KUWS&DB)**

The Environmental Officer has informed that there are two major industries located on the bank of River Bhadra and they are M/s. MPM Ltd and M/s.VISL/SAIL. The Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Shivamogga has informed that earlier MPM treated waste water was discharging into Bhadra River as per Board Norms. The MPM is having effluent treatment plant. Now the MPM is not working since 3 years. The MPM is having sewage treatment plant to treat Domestic effluent. Sri M.Surendra Pai, Superintendent, MPM, Bhadravathi, has informed that treated domestic effluent is used for gardening and agriculture purpose. The Deputy Commissioner has instructed the Board to verify the operation of STP and quality of treated sewage .

**(Action : KSPCB & MPM)**

Sri. D. Lokeshwara, DGM, EMD, SAIL/ VISL, Bhadravathi has informed that blast furnance and steel melting shop are not working since two years. The rerolling mills and forging units are working intermittently. The VISL and Colony is having two sewage treatment plants. The treated sewage is used for gardening and irrigation purpose. The Deputy Commissioner has instructed the Board to verify the operation of STP and quality of treated sewage. The Environmental Officer informed that Bhadravathi was earlier declared as critically polluted area with Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index score of 72.23. Now the major industries MPM and VISL/SAIL are not working and Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index score has reduced below 60.

**(Action : KSPCB & M/s.VISL)**

The Deputy Commissioner informed that he is receiving complaint against discharging of domestic effluent from individual houses into open municipal drain in some areas of Shivamogga City. The Environmental Engineer, Shivamogga City Corporation informed that they are taking action against those houses. The Deputy Commissioner informed that you have to take stringent action against those defaulters. Further he informed that many houses located on Tunga channel bank in Shivamogga City are discharging the waste water into the Tunga channel. He instructed the Corporation to take necessary action on the said issue.

**(Action : Corporation, Shivamogga & KUWS&DB)**

Sri. Ravindra AEE, KUWS&DB has informed that UGD work and wetwell works in Shivamogga are under progress. One STP at Tavarechatnahalli is working. The other STP work at Purle has not started due to some reasons. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the AEE to verify this issue and take necessary action at the earliest. AEE informed that people are not linking the houses to UGD network. The Deputy Commissioner informed the Corporation to take necessary action against defaulting people. Sri. Ravindra informed that, the UGD work will be completed within March 2020.

**(Action : KUWS&DB)**

The Deputy Commissioner informed the Ground Water Department to furnish the status of contaminated wells. Smt. Nirmala Nandan, Geologist, Ground water, Shivamogga has informed that they are collecting water samples from test borewells. She informed that there are no contaminated test borewells in the polluted river stretches. There are no grey areas in Shivamogga District. The Deputy Commissioner informed the Geologist to test the borewell water samples which are used for drinking purpose.

**(Action : Ground Water Department)**

Environmental Officer has informed that Government of Karnataka has banned plastic carry bags, Plastic Spoons, Cups, plates and also Flex. The Deputy Commissioner instructed all the local bodies to strictly enforce banning of the above plastic items.

The representative of the local bodies informed that they are conducting regular raids on shops and commercial activities. They requested to close the plastic industries which are manufacturing plastic carrybags. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Pollution Control Board to take stringent action against industries which are manufacturing banned plastic items. The Environmental Officer informed that Regional Office has recommended Board Office to initiate action against violating plastic industries. The Deputy Commissioner informed that Municipal Solid Waste shall be segregated and disposed scientifically. He instructed the Local Bodies not to dump any solid waste on the river banks.

**(Action : All Local Bodies & KSPCB)**

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the Irrigation Department Officials to verify the encroachment if any on the river banks and informed to take suitable action on this issue along with the concerned Departments.

**(Action : Irrigation Department )**

The Deputy Commissioner informed the Forest Department Officers to take suitable action for plantation in flood plain zone.

**(Action : Forest Department)**

Dr. Shripathi.L.K, Vice Principal, JNNCE, Shivamogga informed the Committee to identify the open drains which are joining to Tunga and Bhadra River. He informed that joining of sewage to river through open drains shall be stopped/controlled to prevent River Pollution. He requested Deputy Commissioner to adopt the innovative methods to stop the pollution of Rivers.

**(Action : CC, Shivamogga , CMC, Bhdravathi & KUWS & DB)**

The Deputy Commissioner instructed all the Officers to strictly comply with the instructions given in the meeting and shall attend the next meeting with compliance report. The Deputy Commissioner directed all the concerned Department Officers to take the above matter seriously since the matter is associated with Hon'ble National Green Tribunal.

The meeting was concluded with Vote of Thanks.



**(K.A.DAYANANDA)**  
**Deputy Commissioner & Chairman**  
**District Level Special Environment**  
**Surveillance Task Force,**  
**Shivamogga District**



