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■ **NMCG Approves 8 New Projects worth Rs 638 Cr**

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has approved eight projects worth around Rs 638 crore. Of them, four projects amounting to around Rs 407 crore have been approved for pollution abatement in the Shamli district with an aim to clean River Hindon, which is a tributary of River Yamuna. Ministry of Jal Shakti in a statement said that these projects are part of the comprehensive Hindon Rejuvenation Plan as this river is identified as Priority-I polluted river stretch. As part of preparations for the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh in 2025, one project for development of seven ghats has also been approved. For Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, one sewerage management project each was approved at the meeting. In Bihar, a project to construct three Sewage Treatment Plants among other works has been approved at a cost of nearly Rs 77 crore. In Uttarakhand, the Akhand Param Dham ghat will be constructed at a cost of over Rs 2 crore.