

'DOLPHINS RETURN TO THE GANGA IN U.P.'

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Dolphins have started coming back to the Ganga with improvement in the quality of the river water made possible by the Namami Gange programme, the Uttar Pradesh government said on Sunday. The government said that with the completion of 23 projects under the programme started in 2014, the State had stopped the flow of more than 460 MLD (million litres a day) of sewage into the Ganga.

“Under the programme, additional treatment capacity of about 33 MLD will also be created between September 2022 and December 2022 in Jhansi, Kanpur, Unnao, Shuklaganj, Sultanpur Budhana, Jaunpur and Baghpat at the cost of Rs. 2304.55 crore,” the government said.

Dolphins have been breeding in Brijghat, Narora, Kanpur, Mirzapur and Varanasi, which is likely to increase their number. The present dolphin population in the Ganga in the State is estimated at 600. The government added that there has been improvement in dissolved oxygen, biochemical demand and fecal coliform parameters in the river.

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