

## **Background**

Chunar Nagar Palika, with the financial support from National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the technical assistance from Centre for Science and Environment, has set up a 10 KLD faecal sludge and septage treatment plant for the abatement of pollution of river Ganga and achieving the objective of safe sanitation.

The Faecal Sludge Treatment plant (FSTP), based on nature-based technology, has been established and working since March 2021. Through combined efforts, the Nagar Palika has been declared ODF+ in 2019. Formal commissioning of the plant was done in September 2022. Currently, the Nagar Palika is in the process of gazette notification of city-level FSSM Bye-laws that has a provision for scheduled desludging.

## Context

At present, the Demand Desludging has been practiced in Chunar town where households/property owners call for the desludging services. For equitable and enhanced services, the ULB is planning to initiate the Scheduled Desludging service, in which each property will have to empty their septic tanks every 3 years, at-least once. Through scheduled desludging cost optimization can be achieved, at the same time ensuring the performance efficiency of septic tanks. The ULB has added the provision of scheduled desludging in the FSSM Bye-laws (gazette notification in process). The desludging fee of 500 has been fixed by the City Sanitation Task Force. The ULB will organize awareness generation activities to educate households about the need for regular cleaning and larger environmental benefits.

## **Objective**

The specific objective of the workshop would be:

- a. To share the need, benefits and process of scheduled desludging for effective FSSM
- **b.** Inauguration of 'Scheduled Desludging' in Chunar

## **Target Audience**

Officials from UP Jal Nigam, SMCG and nearby ULBs, members of City Sanitation Task Force and public representatives

