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# The opportunities to deliver zero pollution in India through wastewater treatment and resources recovery (Pavitra Ganga)

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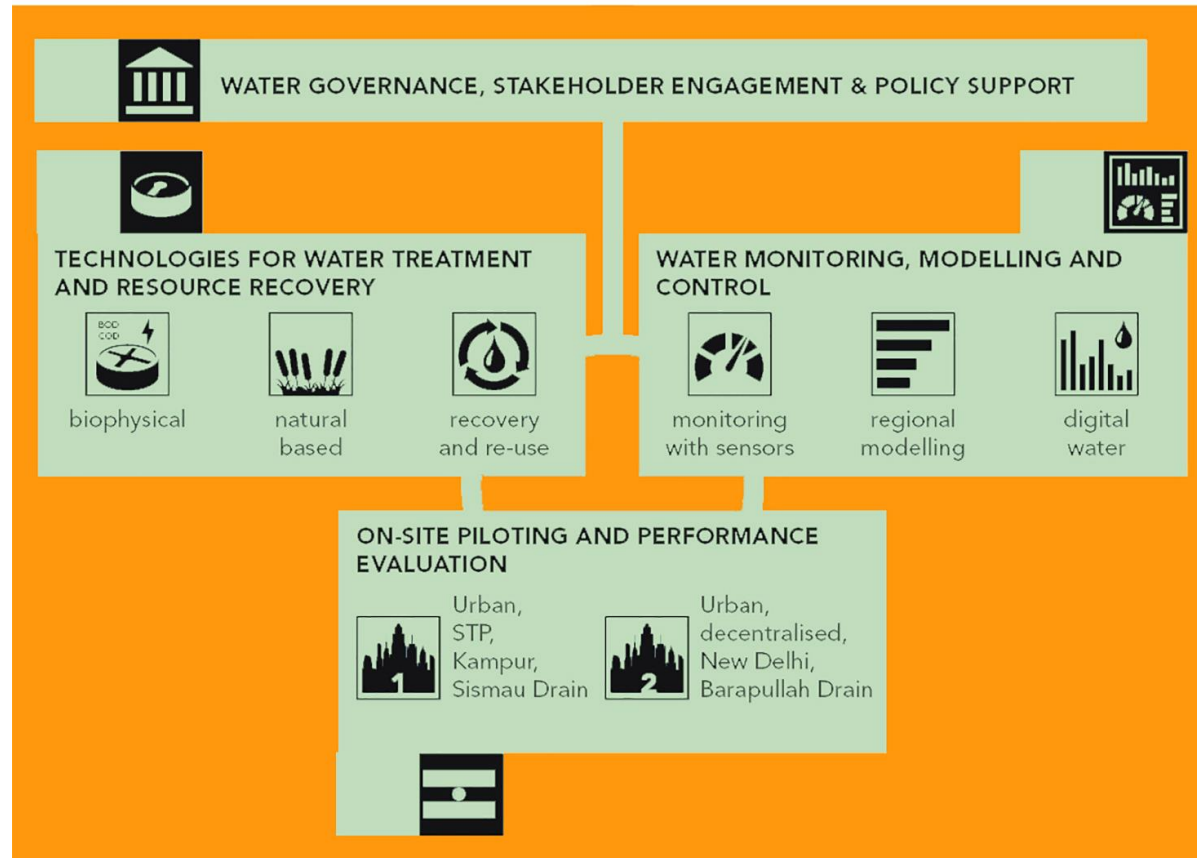


# PAVITRA GANGA – objectives and approach

Unlock environmental and economic potential  
wastewater treatment, re-use & resource recovery (RRR)



## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



## EXPLOITATION AND TRAINING



# PAVITRA GANGA – geography

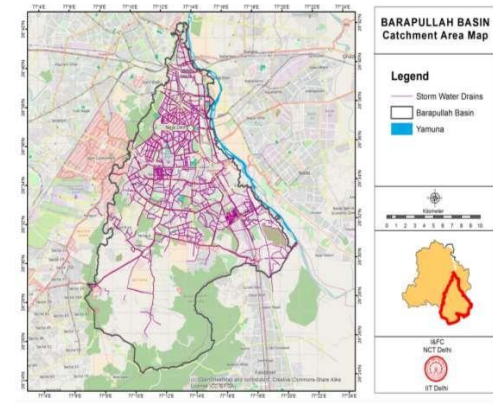
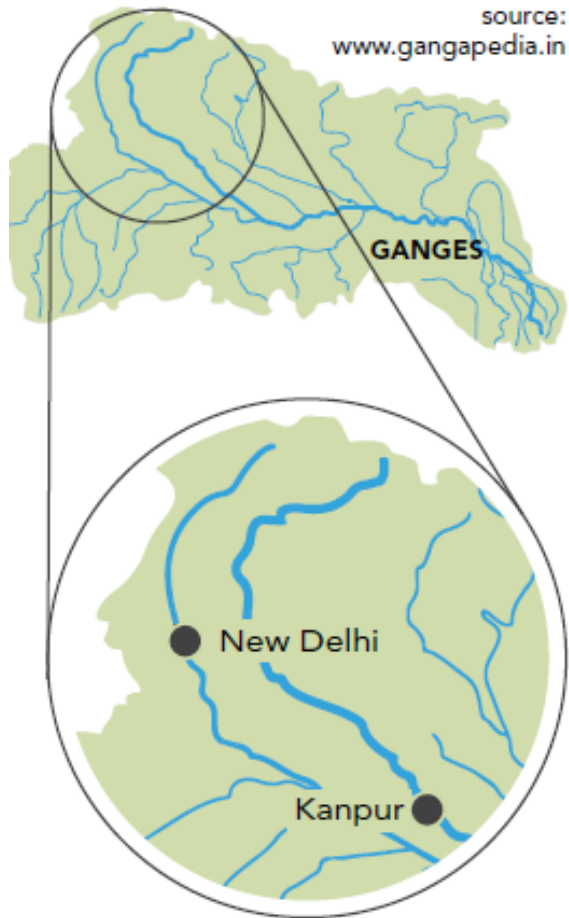
**Barapullah Drain, New Delhi**  
**Storm water drain currently polluted by domestic + industrial (also hospital) waste:**

- Heavy metals
- Pharmaceutical residues
- Antibiotic resistant organisms
- Solid waste

**Jajmau Treatment Plant, Kanpur**  
**Large cluster of tanneries – industry waste mixing with domestic sewage:**

- Heavy metals (Cr)
- Sulphates + nitrates

Wastewater reuse scheme impacted





# Water governance and socio-economic issues: Pavitra Ganga approach

Engagement with stakeholders essential!



Understand

Co-create

Collaborate



- Policy brief: **Mainstreaming governance on waste water treatment, water re-use and resource recovery: lessons from India and the European Union**
- [https://pavitra-ganga.eu/sites/pavitranganga/files/D2.1\\_Policy%20Brief\\_Mainstreaming%20Governance%207.10.2020.pdf](https://pavitra-ganga.eu/sites/pavitranganga/files/D2.1_Policy%20Brief_Mainstreaming%20Governance%207.10.2020.pdf)

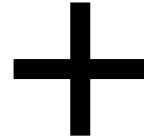


13 cases to identify **barriers** and **factors** for good governance

# Socio economic issues and water governance: key messages

## Socio-economic issues:

Low cost recovery



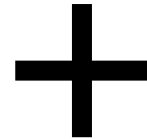
Poor Operations & Maintenance of STPs



Low performance of STPs (50% compliance – CPCB 2021)

## Water Governance issues:

Strengthen institutional & monitoring capacity



Target based policies



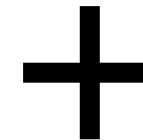
Effective enforcement strategy for pollution control

## Water re-use issues:

National water re-use standards needed

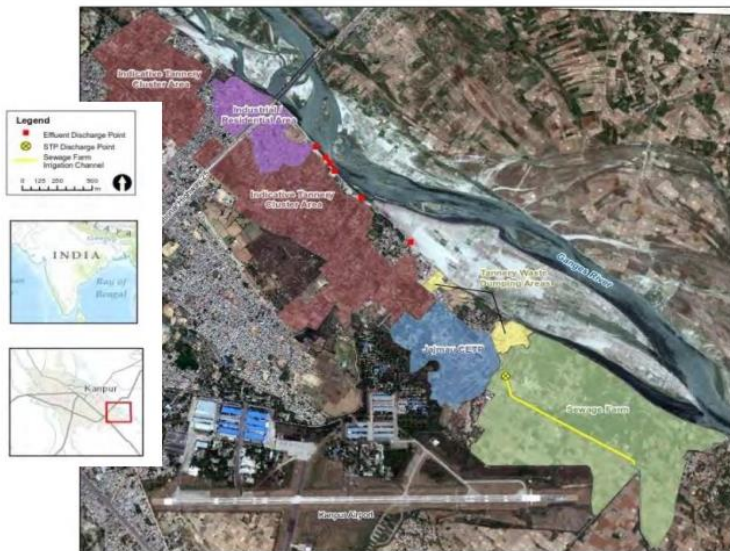


Waste water safety



Level playing field

# Water governance: Waste water safety planning



Stakeholder management in collaboration with

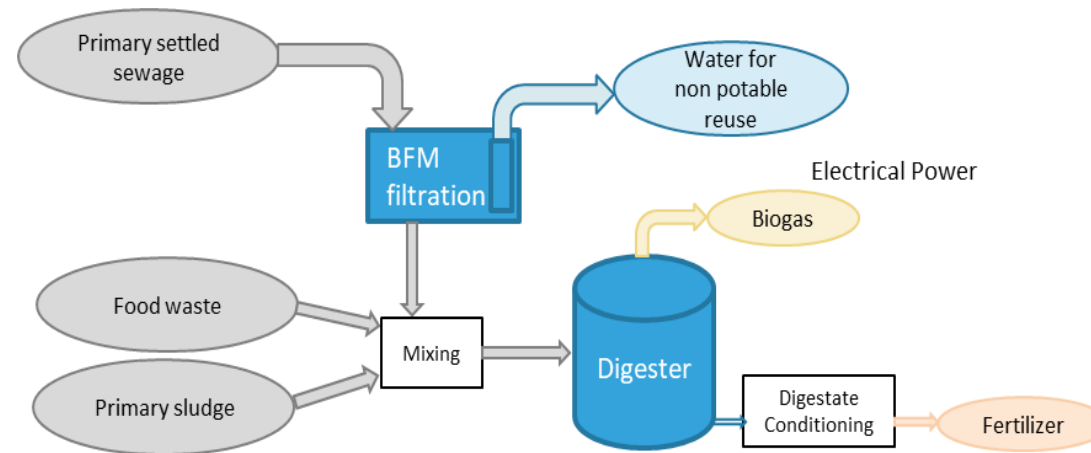
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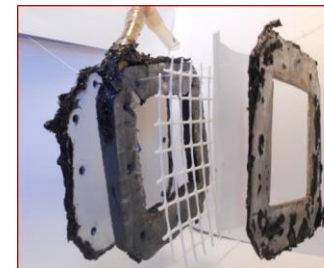
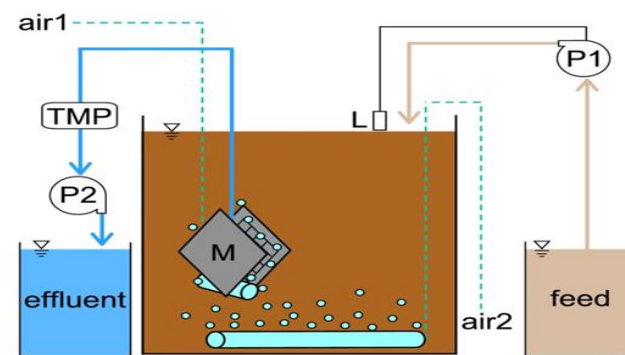
# Selected technologies to remove and manage pollution

## WW treatment - bulk organics and nutrients removal

**ANDICOS™** combines concentrated sewage + organic waste to improve Anaerobic Digester efficiency (also treats wastewater)



**Self-Forming Dynamic MBR** - "pseudo MBR" which forms a biological layer supported by an inert mesh

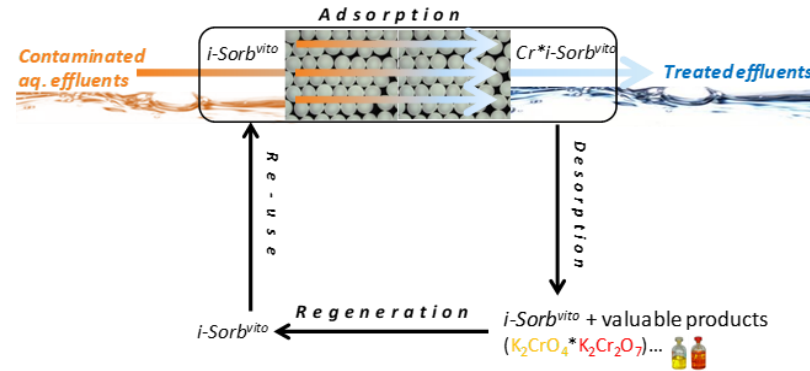




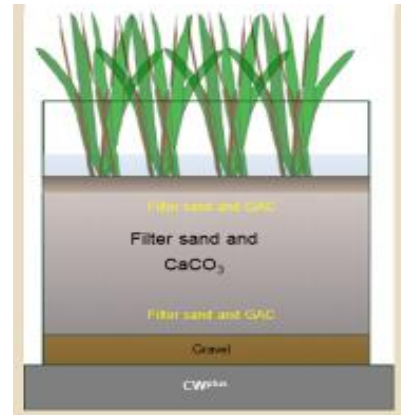
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**Structured adsorbers** – manufactured composites with high binding capacities + fast kinetics – designed to remove Cr



**Constructed wetlands plus** – low energy treatment + adsorptive substrates to remove heavy metals

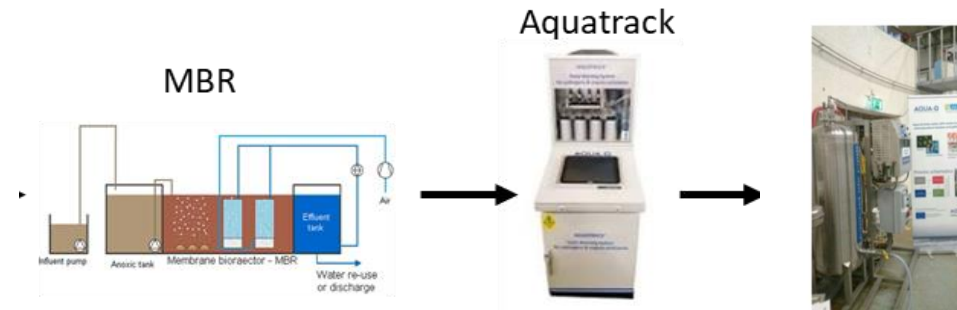


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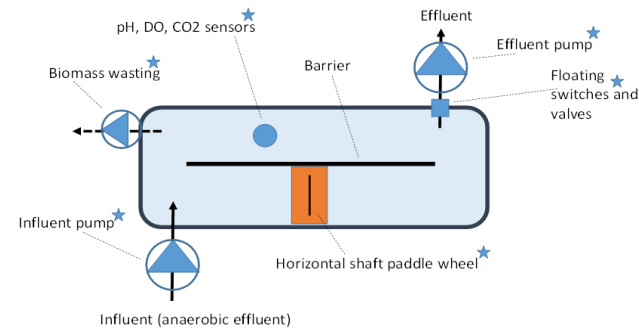
### Aquatrack + Ozonation -

dosed removal of micro organisms & micropollutants



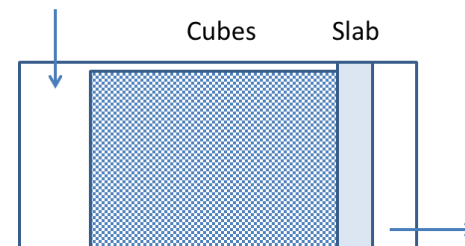
### Photo-activated sludge -

merger of high rate algae ponds + activated sludge systems removes N & other organics



### Clean Blocks -

Biofilm carrier for nutrient removal, filtration for suspended solids





# Selected technologies to remove and manage pollution

## Monitoring

Mobile sensors connected to smart phones / dashboard



Stationary sensors triggering grab sampler

Finger printing to trigger sampler + ozonation treatment



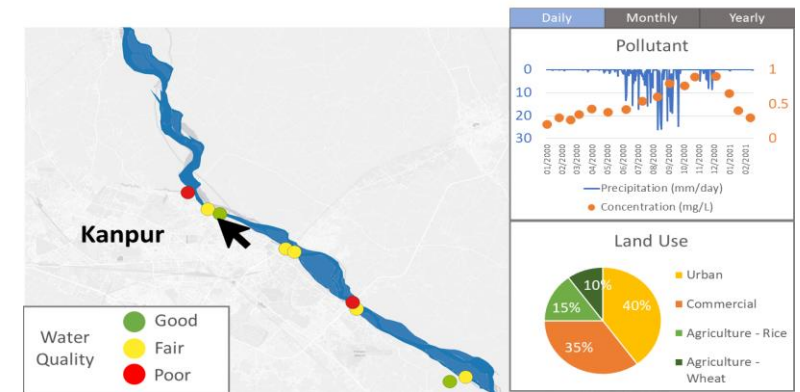
## Modelling



Spatial emissions assessment



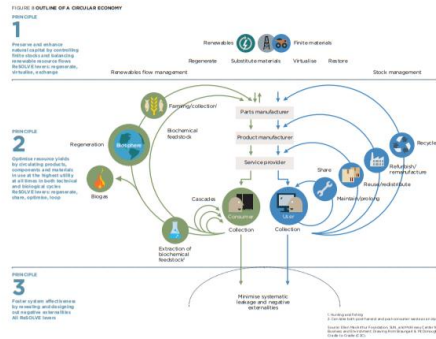
Scenario analysis of technological interventions



Dashboard to communicate information

# Three ways for the Circular Economy to deliver zero pollution

1



## Circulate materials as long as possible at different levels and cascades

- Green energy & nutrients (e.g. ANDICOS, PAS)
- Recovery of metals (e.g. Structured Adsorbents, CW+)
- Different cycles for technical and bio materials

2



## Incentivise resource recovery & safeguard economic viability:

- Waste water reuse as a viable alternative water source
- Water pricing that reflects the actual costs of delivering water
- Stricter control & follow up of freshwater permits
- Rethink existing business models (sharing economy etc....)

3

**Safe & Healthy**

## Ensure safety and quality of water and recovered products:

- Establish risks - wastewater safety planning
- Improve monitoring & analytical protocols
- Deliver proven polishing technologies



# More information about Pavitra Ganga



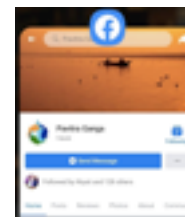
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Photo-irradiation and adsorption-based novel innovations for water treatment. [paniwater.eu](http://paniwater.eu)

**PANIWATER:** Grant Agreement No. 820718



Co-creation of a versatile multiparameter real-time sensor for water quality, based on nanotechnologies. [lotus-india.eu](http://lotus-india.eu)

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Bio-mimetic and phyto-technologies designed for low-cost purification and recycling of water. [india-h2o.eu](http://india-h2o.eu)

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Cost-effective and sustainable technologies for water & wastewater treatment, monitoring and safe water reuse in India. [pavitr.net](http://pavitr.net)

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