Ten Major Challenges & change the face of Ganga

1. Industrial and domestic effluent treatment before discharge into the river. Statutory provisions to be made for achieving ZERO EFFLUENT discharge norm from the industries. Those industries where such treatment facilities are nonexistent should be charged for effluent treatment at a Central Effluent Treatment Plant.

2. Imparting attitudinal changes in the devotees to stop pollution of the sacred river by discharging flowers, immersing idols and dead bodies as religious rituals. These are unfounded age old beliefs in contravention to our sacred scripture which teach us to preserve nature and sanctity of water bodies.

3. Redevelopment of existing Ghats and construction of new Ghats to decongest existing Ghats as per overall Master Plan.

4. Decongesting area along and near the Ghats as per the Master Plan on PPP Model by involving local inhabitants to develop public spaces for devotees and tourists.

5. Renovation of heritage buildings and structures to restore them to pristine glory as a facelift as well as attraction to devotees and tourist.

6. Creating water body and perennial flow by constructing barrages at regular intervals for use as navigable waterway.

7. Systematic periodic dredging to de-silt on scientific basis to maintain minimum water level for navigation.

8. Development of Waterway Stations with modern facilities for passengers and goods along the river at regular intervals for promoting waterways including integrated interchange stations at the barrages.

9. Development of additional modern recreational facilities along the river front not presently served by Ghats such as walkways, cycle and skating tracks and gardens on either side of the river banks. At places these facilities can be developed parallel to each other along with parking facilities as tourist attraction.

10. Creation of statutory Ganga Development and Maintenance Authority with adequate trained personnel and equipments to develop and then maintain all the facilities so developed on continuous basis on sound economic footing.

Ravindra Verma  
New Delhi  
Mobile 9818778246