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Fewer polluted river stretches but worst stretches unchanged

Number of polluted river stretches categorised in 'Priority I & II' is almost unchanged and further stringent actions are required for control of organic pollution, says CPCB study; based on a report in *The Hindu* in 2018, the NGT had passed orders that all acts of river pollution need to be dealt with

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The number of polluted stretches in India's rivers has fallen from 351 in 2018 to 311 in 2022 though the number of most polluted stretches is practically unchanged, according to a report from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in November but made public this week.

The CPCB network monitors water quality at 4,484 locations in 28 States and seven Union Territories including rivers, lakes, creeks, drains and canals.

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