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Modi lays stone for Essel's STP project

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The project will cost about RS 156 crore, and will treat 5 crore litres of sewage daily. It is expected to be complete in 18 months, while the company will get an Operations and Maintenance tenure of 15 years.

"We are proud to be associated with the 'NAMAMI Gange Programme' helmed by Hon'ble Prime Minister. This is an important



PM Modi lays the foundation for the Essel Infra STP project in Ramana on Friday

milestone to achieve the goal of 'Swachh Bharat' and cleaning the Holy River Ganga. We are committed to complete the project before the scheduled timeline," Rohit Modi, CEO, Essel Infra, said.

Essel Infra will lead the consortium for the project, and will undertake the designing, development, finance, and construction work, its effluent disposal pipeline and all associated infrastructure. Currently, the city's sewage is dumped directly into the river without any treatment.