Home Minister Amit Shah launches 43 Yamuna rejuvenation projects worth ₹8,941 crore in Delhi

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 22 Oct 2026, at Najafgarh, Delhi, launched 43 Delhi Jal Board projects worth ₹8,941.22 crore to rejuvenate the Yamuna – 10 inaugurated and foundation stones for 33. They include a 124 MGD (million gallons a day) sewage treatment plant at Okhla, upgrades of 8 STPs, 29 decentralised STPs in outer Delhi, a 1,034-km sewer network and a 477 MLD water treatment plant at Chandrawal. Shah pledged that the Yamuna in Delhi would be cleaned by May 2029. CM Rekha Gupta and Water Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh attended.

Key facts

Total	43 projects, ₹8,941.22 crore – 10 inaugurated + 33 foundation stones; Delhi Jal Board
Okhla	New 124 MGD sewage treatment plant (STP) – ₹1,161 crore; Delhi's biggest
Upgrades	8 STPs: 78.2 → 140.8 MGD (₹1,041 crore)
Outer Delhi	29 decentralised STPs/pumping stations – 358 unauthorised colonies, 113 villages, 36.29 lakh people; 1,034-km sewer network
Water	Chandrawal 477 MLD water treatment plant (replacing 1935 & 1955 plants); 4.5-km Mundka trunk drain

Target	Clean Yamuna in Delhi by May 2029

Background

- Yamuna: rises from the Yamunotri glacier near Bandarpunch peak, Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand; about 1,376 km long; flows through Uttarakhand, Himachal, Haryana, Delhi and UP to join the Ganga at Prayagraj (Triveni Sangam) – the Ganga's longest tributary.
- Tributaries: Tons – largest; Chambal – longest (about 960 km); west to east Chambal, Sind, Betwa, Ken; Hindon on the left bank. Delhi has the Wazirabad and Okhla barrages; the Agra Canal leaves the Okhla barrage.
- River-cleaning history: Ganga Action Plan – 14 Jan 1986 (Rajiv Gandhi); Yamuna Action Plan – Apr 1993 (under GAP-II, Japan's JICA-aided); National River Conservation Plan – 1995; Ganga declared National River – 2008; 'Namami Gange' – 2014, Union Ministry of Jal Shakti (National Mission for Clean Ganga – NMCG).
- Units: MGD – million gallons a day; MLD – million litres a day (1 MGD ≈ 4.5 MLD). In the 'Chalo Yamuna' clean-up (18 Oct), over 35,000 people removed 76,755 kg of waste from 70 sites.

Tamil Nadu link: the 'Chennai Rivers Restoration Trust' (CRRT – formerly the 'Adyar Poonga Trust') works to restore Chennai's Adyar and Cooum rivers; its first project, the Adyar Eco Park (Tholkappia Poonga), opened in 2011.

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