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Najafgarh drain likely to be cleaner by January 15

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New Delhi: In what could prove to be a significant breakthrough in the rejuvenation of Najafgarh drain, 32 untreated feeder drains carrying sewage into it will be completely intercepted and their flow diverted to nearby sewage treatment plants (STPs) early next year.

According to officials, the move will pave the way for a cleaner Yamuna. With 122 drains discharging sewage into it, the 57km-long Najafgarh drain is the biggest polluter of the river.

The irrigation and flood control department said of the 32 feeder drains, five under MCD have already been trapped and sewage-ridden discharge from the remaining 27 will be stopped by January 15, 2023. Interception of these drains, claimed an official, would prevent nearly 25% of the total sewage discharge into Najaf-

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garh drain and prove to be a crucial step in turning it into a clean water body.

Recently, the department had presented a detailed report to lieutenant governor VK Saxena in this regard.

The 32 drains, belonging to different agencies like DJB, MCD, PWD, DDA and DMRC, flow into the Najafgarh drain between the 7.5km stretch from Timarpur to Bharat Nagar. This is part of the 12km stretch from Timarpur to Basai Darapur that will be developed as a waterway for operation of passenger and goods boats in the coming months under the per-

sonal supervision of Saxena.

According to officials, the rejuvenation of Najafgarh drain has been a focus area of the LG, who has held a series of meetings involving multiple civic agencies and undertaken several visits and boat rides in the drain in the past five months to monitor desilting operations and overall cleaning of the drain.

Putting in place a comprehensive plan of action that is cost-effective and environmentally sustainable, Saxena has ensured seamless coordination between various departments of the government.

Desilting of Najafgarh drain, meanwhile, is going on at a fast pace. Nearly 20,000 metric tonnes of silt have been removed in over a month. On the LG's instructions, a desilting monitoring centre has been set up near Timarpur bridge. A similar centre, being established at Bharat Nagar, will be operational by December 15.

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Poondi reservoir storage gets a boost as A.P. releases Krishna water

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CHENNAI

Poondi reservoir is filling up with not just runoff water from catchment areas but also with Krishna water from Andhra

Pradesh. The reservoir has been receiving an increased inflow since Sunday.

It's been a few days since the rain abated in Chennai and neighbouring districts. However,

the reservoirs continue to get minimal amounts of runoff from catchment areas.

As the three major reservoirs at Red Hills, Chembarambakkam and Poondi have room for

another one tmc ft of water, the Water Resources Department sought release of Krishna water from Andhra Pradesh this month. As on Monday, the five reservoirs had a total storage of 8,199

mcf, which is nearly 70% of their capacity. The one in Thervoy Kandigai Kannankottai is full. But its resources are yet to be used for the city's water supply. Water Resources Department officials said

Krishna water was sought to improve storage in the reservoirs with the lull in northeast monsoon. Moreover, Andhra Pradesh plans to take up lining work on the Kandaleru-Poondi canal early next

year and offered to discharge Krishna water early. This would help avert any water crisis in Chennai in the ensuing summer even if the monsoon failed to bring adequate rain, the officials said.

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SC stays NGT orders of fine on Noida, DJB

NOIDA: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the order of the National Green Tribunal imposing a fine of ₹100 crore on NOIDA for failing to prevent untreated sewage from flowing into the Yamuna river. The top court also stayed the NGT order asking the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to pay a fine of ₹50 crore for release of untreated sewage in the Yamuna river in the national capital. "Issue notice. Pending further orders, the direction of NGT asking the NOIDA and DJB to pay ₹100 crore and ₹50 crore respectively as fine will remain stayed," the bench said. *PTI*

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दिल्ली जल बोर्ड, नोएडा प्राधिकरण को सुप्रीम कोर्ट से मिली राहत

नई दिल्ली। सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने दिल्ली जल बोर्ड (डीजेबी) और नोएडा प्राधिकरण को बड़ी राहत दी है। शीर्ष अदालत ने अनुपचारित सीवेज को यमुना नदी में डालने से रोकने में विफल रहने पर नोएडा पर 100 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाने और राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में यमुना नदी में अनुपचारित गंदा जल छोड़ने के लिए दिल्ली जल बोर्ड (डीजेबी) को 50 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना देने के राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण (एनजीटी) के आदेश पर भी रोक लगा दी।

वरिष्ठ अधिवक्ता महेश जेठमलानी न्यू ओखला औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण (नोएडा) के लिए पेश हुए और एनजीटी के आदेश का विरोध किया। शीर्ष अदालत ने नोएडा की अपील पर उत्तर प्रदेश और दिल्ली सरकारों के अलावा अन्य को नोटिस जारी किया और आठ सप्ताह के भीतर उनकी प्रतिक्रिया मांगी, जिससे यह स्पष्ट हो गया कि वह केवल

राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण के जुर्माने पर लगाई रोक

एनजीटी के आदेश के सूक्ष्म पहलू पर रोक लगा रही है। एनजीटी ने अगस्त में नोएडा पर 100 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया था, क्योंकि वह नालों में अनुपचारित जल के प्रवाह को नियंत्रित करने में विफल रहा था, जिससे यमुना नदी में प्रदूषण हो रहा था। एनजीटी चेयरमैन जस्टिस आदर्श कुमार गोयल की अध्यक्षता वाली पीठ ने दिल्ली जल बोर्ड पर 50 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना भी लगाया था।

नोएडा के 95 सोसायटी में से सिर्फ 56 में सीवेज उपचार सुविधा ग्रीन पैनल ने कहा कि नोएडा में 95 ग्रुप हाउसिंग सोसायटी में से 56 में सीवेज उपचार सुविधा या आंशिक उपचार सुविधा है और अनुपचारित सीवेज अपशिष्ट सीधे नाली में जाता है। एजेंसी