

# Untapped drains to be monitored in Yamuna cleanup

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**New Delhi:** To ensure ground-level enforcement and monitoring of all untrapped drains and sub-drains that pollute the Yamuna, a 94-member company of Territorial Army will be drafted into the river cleaning operations on Thursday.

The decision was taken on Tuesday in the second meeting of the high-level committee formed by National Green Tribunal (NGT) to oversee the implementation of its orders regarding the cleaning of the Yamuna. Lieutenant governor VK Saxena is its chairman.

During the meeting, the LG also asked

the drain-owning agencies — public works department, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, Delhi Jal Board and Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation — to physically inspect and submit within 15 days a report on all illegal sub-drains that are not in the official records but are falling into the main drains.

According to officials, Saxena will launch an intensive cleaning operation on the river floodplain on Thursday, which will also be attended by eminent personalities and people from all walks of life. He reviewed on Wednesday the progress of work and the action-taken report on trap-

ping of drains, desilting of sewers, status of sewage and common effluent treatment plants, redevelopment of the Yamuna floodplain and penal action against water polluting industries, among others.

“The LG was informed that since January 20, when the first meeting of the committee was held, 13 sub-drains of Najafgarh drain had been completely trapped and three kilometres of trunk and peripheral sewer lines had been fully desilted,” said an official. “Eighty-eight polluting units were inspected and water and power connections of 12 were disconnected while a penalty of Rs 53 lakh had been imposed,” he added. [nwda.gov.in](http://nwda.gov.in)