

## NGT constitutes monitoring panel for Yamuna rejuvenation

The green panel has directed the Haryana and Uttar Pradesh governments to assist the committee on the Yamuna rejuvenation project. File Photo STRINGER/INDIA

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Thursday constituted a monitoring committee to oversee the Yamuna rejuvenation project. The committee has been directed to submit the first action plan by September.

A Bench headed by NGT chairperson Adarsh Kumar Goel directed the committee, comprising former Delhi Chief Secretary Shailaja Chandra and retired NGT expert member Bikram Singh Sajwan, to submit a report by December. The green panel also directed the Haryana and Uttar Pradesh governments to assist the committee on the project.

### Sewage treatment plant

The Delhi Development Authority and the Delhi Jal Board have also been asked to hold a meeting on July 30 to identify land where sewage treatment plant for a drain under phase-II can be installed.

While phase-I of the project deals with cleaning of the Najafgarh drain, phase-II deals with all other drains in the Capital. The green panel had on Wednesday come down heavily on the DJB for not making any substantial progress on cleaning of the river despite a lapse of three years since the initial orders were passed.

“In spite of proceedings in the case in the last three years, there is no meaningful progress at the ground level. It does appear that the present incharge may not be competent enough to handle the issue,” the Bench had said.

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