

## DON'TS

- Do not discharge contaminated water in drains/ water bodies/ river.
- Do not throw plastic, garbage, religious material and other wastes in river Yamuna.
- Do not litter near water bodies including lakes, ponds, drains and river.
- Do not block/stop natural drains by constructing on drain or dumping wastes in the drain.
- Do not waste WATER, it is precious and life supporting .
- Do not immerse idols made of Plaster of Paris and baked clay or painted with chemical/heavy metals based paints.
- Do not let overhead water-tanks to overflow. Switch off water supply when they are full.
- Do not wash your car with a hose pipe.

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## YAMUNA- THE LIFELINE OF DELHI



### About the River Yamuna:

Yamuna is a sacred river and is the most important tributary of Ganga. It originates from Yamunotri glacier. Important pilgrimage centers like Yamunotri, Paonta Sahib, Mathura, Vrindavan, Bateshwar & Allahabad (now Prayagraj) are located on the banks of the river. In Indian mythology Yamuna is referred as the daughter of the Sun and sister of Yama. The baby Lord Krishna is believed to have been born on the bank of this river and is said to have freed Yamuna from "Kalia Nag."

The Yamuna's basin is one of the most fertile and high grain yielding river basins in the country and a boon for agriculture. River Yamuna is a 1,376-Km long perennial river and traverses through various states such as Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. Apart from the capital city of Delhi, many large urban hubs and cities like Yamuna Nagar, Panipat, Sonapat, Gautam Budh Nagar, Faridabad, Mathura, Agra and Etawah are situated on the river's banks.

Yamuna is the lifeline of Delhi as its water is being harnessed from both of its banks for domestic, industrial and irrigation purposes. To meet the ever-growing water demand of the city, the river is tapped at three points-Wazirabad, ITO and Okhla barrages.



### Sources of pollution:

These include, flowing of untreated sewage and industrial effluents, dumping of construction malba, unchecked disposal of solid waste (plastic, tins, aluminium foil, etc), religious offerings, use of chemical fertilizers/pesticides in the flood plains for agriculture and daily activities like bathing, washing clothes, bathing of animals, etc.

## DOS & DON'TS:

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- Sewer connections should be obtained by each and every house-hold in areas where sewer network exists.
- Conserve water. Follow the principle of reduce / reuse/ recycle while water usage.
- Use mug instead of running the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Take shorter showers to reduce water consumption.
- Check your water bill to see how much water you are using.
- Encourage rooftop rain water harvesting and recharging wells/tanks.
- Kitchen waste water should be used for watering plants and other non-potable uses.
- Establish community nursery by using waste water.
- Remain vigilant so that no septic tank waste is discharged into the drains and should report any such incident. Septic tank waste is to be discharged at the designated points identified by DJB.

- Water conservation to be made a part of our daily routine.
- Promote the use of non-toxic liquid disinfectant and cleaners.
- Practice Waste Segregation at household level. Bio-degradable and non-biodegradable waste should be put in separate bins and no waste should be littered or thrown in drains.
- Practising recycle and reuse. Make compost out of vegetable peels and other food wastes which can be recycled for use as manure. If space does not permit, try this in pots/ containers.
- Stop chemical pollution-if you notice someone throwing chemicals into the drains/ river or water bodies, or hear about such an incident, inform your local authorities about the matter.
- Say no to single-use disposable plastics, Carry a reusable bag (cloth bag) when shopping.
- Plant trees in your locality and ensure their survival. Planting of trees and shrubs in garden, balcony, roof top or a terrace garden provide shelter to birds and helps in conserving urban biodiversity
- Make sure your home is free from water leakage. Maintain and repair plumbing fixtures regularly.
- Follow DPCC directions while performing Idol Immersion during Ganesh Utsav and Durga Pooja.
- Idol immersion to be conducted in artificial ponds specially constructed for the purpose all across Delhi.

A list of artificial ponds for Green Idol Immersion on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi & Durga Pooja 2019 can be viewed on the website of the Environment Department,  
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