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Water Coverage (India)

- **DJB Launches ₹8,941 Crore Yamuna Sewage Cleanup Projects:** Delhi Jal Board will launch **43** projects worth **₹8,941 crore** on **Oct 22** to curb Yamuna pollution. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate **10** projects worth **₹2,827.1 crore** and lay foundations for **33** projects costing **₹6,114.1 crore**. Key components include a new **124 MGD** STP at Okhla (**₹1,161 crore**), upgrades to **8** STPs raising capacity from **78.2 MGD** to **140.8 MGD**, **29** decentralized STPs (**₹3,113.7 crore**), a **1,034 km** sewer network (**₹1,691 crore**), a **477 MLD** Chandrawal water treatment plant (**₹298.3 crore**), and a **4.5 km** Mundka trunk drain (**₹225 crore**), benefiting lakhs of residents.



- **CEC Recommends DJB Pipeline Project Approval in Supreme Court:**

The Central Empowered Committee informed the Supreme Court that the Delhi Jal Board has complied with all conditions for replacing ageing water pipelines and rehabilitating underground reservoirs at **Naraina Vihar** and **R-Block**, New Rajendra Nagar. The project, located on the morphological ridge, involves felling **40** trees and transplanting **20**. Following a site inspection on **August 12**, the CEC verified that **194** remaining trees were marked with colour bands in the presence of forest officials, and recommended approval.

- **Central Railway to Roll Out Grocery Kiosks Pan-Division:** Central Railway is expanding grocery kiosks to all **5** divisions — **Mumbai, Pune, Solapur, Bhusawal, and Nagpur** — under its Non-Fare Revenue scheme. Piloted at **Chandrapur and Pandhurna** stations in the Nagpur division, the kiosks will sell groceries, personal care, and packaged items, but cooked food, tea, and coffee are prohibited. Vendors must comply with **FSSAI** norms, and dustbins must be placed within **1 metre** of each kiosk. Part of Special Cleanliness Campaign **6.0**, Nagpur and Ajni may follow post-redevelopment.

- **Keralam Plans Vizhinjam Cruise Tourism Hub:** The Keralam government will develop Vizhinjam as an international cruise destination, proposing a cruise terminal with immigration, customs, and tourist facilities. Minister P C Vishnunadh outlined excursions to Kovalam, Varkala, and Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Located **10 nautical miles** from the east-west shipping route and **12 km** from Thiruvananthapuram airport, the port has hosted over **20** foreign cruise vessels since **2009**, bringing **3,350+** passengers. Coastal cruise

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networks linking Vizhinjam, Kollam, Kochi, and Beypore are also proposed.

- **Jal Jeevan Mission Transforms Rural Infrastructure in Bahraich:**

Bahraich, an Aspirational District in Uttar Pradesh, has achieved **98.10%** of its **5,54,464** rural household tap water target under the Jal Jeevan Mission (**5,43,947** connections). The district completed **9,701 km** of a **9,848 km** pipeline network across **1,082** villages. Of the **216** arsenic-affected villages, **213** are fully covered. In **2025**, **668** rural roads were proposed for reconstruction at **₹999.27 crore** under the State Road Fund, alongside ODOP-driven wheat-stalk handicraft development.

Water Coverage (Global)

- **Russia Ships 20 Million Barrels via Arctic Route:** Russia has shipped nearly **20 million barrels** of oil to Asia through the Northern Sea Route since July, up almost **50%** year-over-year and already exceeding the **13 million barrels** exported in the entire 2025 season. Disruptions in the Suez Canal, Strait of Hormuz, and Black Sea routes have driven the shift. India, the largest Russian crude destination, saw imports fall **29%** from July as China increased purchases. Gazprom Neft plans a **35%** shipment increase, targeting **70 million tonnes** of annual NSR cargo by 2030.

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