

## Yamuna Still above the Danger Mark in New Delhi, flooding many areas

**Tags :** [Northern Railway](#), [Yamuna flood](#) **Posted:** Wed Sep 24 2008, 09:31 hrs **New Delhi, September 24::**

Railways on Wednesday diverted 24 trains and cancelled 10 others due to flood in Yamuna river.

Following an increase in the water level, the old Yamuna bridge was closed for rail and road traffic since 3 am, Northern Railway officials said.

As a result, 26 trains have been diverted, 27 short-terminated and 10 others stand cancelled, he said.

The water-level of the river increased due to release of 4,00,000 cusecs of water into western Yamuna from Tajewala barrage. The river is flowing above the danger mark, officials said.



Yamuna showing signs of abating

*conveyed through e-mail by Manoj Misra*

Staff Reporter

*Still above the danger mark in the Capital flooding many*



**IN DEEP WATERS: Residents using a boat to reach their homes as Yamuna water entered the residential areas in the Capital's Civil Lines area on Thursday (top), while waist-deep water forced diversion of several buses from the Inter-State Bus Terminus at Kashmere Gate.**

NEW DELHI: The Yamuna continued to flow above the danger mark in the Capital on Thursday but showed signs of abating. At 8 p.m., its water level was recorded at 206.52 metres (down from 206.72 m at 5 p.m.) compared to Wednesday night's 207.11 metres. An optimistic administration said the river would continue to recede over the next two days.

According to Irrigation and Flood Control officials, the river would rise slightly after 72 hours but would again subside thereafter. "A discharge of 303,169 lakh cusecs was released from Tajewala in Haryana on Wednesday. This will reach Delhi after 72 hours and will cause the river to rise slightly, but we expect it to remain largely stable and gradually recede unless there is more rain," said I&FC Department Chief Engineer Ish Kumar.

The river rose to 607.11 m at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, the highest level so far. But to the relief of the administration the forecast for the next few days indicates that the level will fall to 205.80 m by 5 p.m. on Friday.

"Pumping out of water is being carried out and we are hoping that once the levels fall below 206 m we will gradually open the 17 drains that have been shut down to prevent a backflow. An assessment will be carried out after the levels fall to 205.80 m by Friday evening," added Mr. Kumar.

He said cases of water-logging reported from several areas in the Capital are due to the closure of the sluice gates of the drains. "Incessant rain over the past few days has made matters worse. Hopefully from Friday the situation will improve."

Delhi Irrigation and Flood Control Minister Rajkumar Chauhan inspected the flood-affected areas on a boat on Thursday.

Talking to media persons, he said 1,513 tents and one chaupal in North Delhi have been set up to accommodate over 9,000 flood-affected persons.

Referring to the relief work, the Minister said a mobile health unit with doctors and mobile toilets have been provided and arrangements made for providing lunch and dinner to the affected people.

The Government has already shifted people from the low-lying areas of Garhi Mandu, Usmanpur Pushta, Jagatpur Village and Shastri Nagar to relief camps.

Water-logging and backflow of water was reported from several areas in North Delhi.

The Inter-State Bus Terminus at Kashmere Gate also remained inundated, affecting bus services.

Photo showing Yamuna near Usmanpur.

--

[www.yamunajjiyeabhiyaan.blogspot.com](http://www.yamunajjiyeabhiyaan.blogspot.com);  
[www.riverhealthindex.blogspot.com](http://www.riverhealthindex.blogspot.com)



## **25 trains cancelled due to Yamuna flood situation**

Northern Railways has cancelled 25 trains and diverted 36 others due to the rising flood waters in the Yamuna river.

The trains diverted include Kalka Mail, Shaheed Express, Garib Nawaz Express, Awadh Assam Express, Shalimar Express and Brahmaputra Mail.

As many as 39 trains including Satyagrah Express, Lal Quila Express, Farakka and Howrah Janata Express have been short terminated, according to a Northern Railway spokesperson.

The 3111 Kolkata-Delhi Lal Quila Express train will be short terminated at Khurja and consequently its return service 3112 Delhi-Kolkata Lal Quila Express will originate from Khurja due to the closure of Old Yamuna Bridge for rail traffic.

The 3039 Hawrah-Delhi Janta Express train will be short terminated at Hathras and its return service 3040 Delhi-Hawrah Janta Express will originate from Hathras.

The 3483 Malda Town-Delhi Farakka Express train will be short terminated at Tundla and its return service 3484 Delhi-Malda Town Farakka Express will originate from Tundla.

## **Message from Shравan Kumar, Agra:**

The flood situation in the Agra region took an alarming turn as the water level in Yamuna crossed the medium flood level of 152.09 metres on Sunday evening dated 25-09-2010, submerging most of the Taj Heritage Corridor and the waterworks, cutting off supplies to half of this Taj city

More colonies and slums and ghats of river Yamuna were under water and the district authorities continued to persuade people to shift to safer areas.

The Yamuna water submerged most parts of the controversial Taj Heritage Corridor sandwiched between

the Red Fort and the Taj Mahal. The Mantola nullah drain water entered the moat of the Agra Fort the popular Taj Ganj cremation ghat and was closed for Sunday.



Humans could not clean the river Yamuna, but nature has done it for us this year. Heaps of polluted garbage and illegal structures in the flood plains have been washed away. One hopes people will learn a lesson and not play with nature," said green activist Ravi Singh

Meanwhile tourists visiting the Taj Mahal were advised to stay away from the swollen river. Colonies in the Balkeshwar and Dayalbagh areas have been inundated.

The main sewage drains of the city were choked and backflowing, creating hygiene problems. Photos will be sent later on