



VARANASI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Land Use Modification in Lalpur Housing Scheme Approved by VDA

The Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA), Pulkit Garg, has overseen land use modification within the Lalpur Housing Scheme's First Phase. Initially earmarked for educational purposes, specifically for a primary school in Sector-C, the plot has now been officially reclassified for residential use.

This change aligns with the Housing and Urban Planning Section-3 guidelines, adhering to the Uttar Pradesh Government's order no. 2438/9-A-3-98-60 LUC/96 dated 13.10.1998. The decision, ratified during the 130th board meeting of the authority on 08 February 2024, reflects a strategic shift in land utilization within the Lalpur Residential Scheme, First Phase, located in Mauja-Lalpur (Meerapur Basahi), Tehsil-Sadar, Pargana-Shivpur.

The reclassified land spans an area of 2427.15 square meters, transitioning from its previous designation for educational development to now accommodate residential expansion. This amendment marks a significant development in the planning and utilizing space within the Lalpur Housing Scheme.



VDA Secretary Leads Review Meeting on Sarnath's Pro-Poor Project

A significant review meeting was conducted in the Varanasi Development Authority auditorium, chaired by Secretary Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra, focusing on the progress of the World Bank-aided UP Tourism's Pro-Poor Development Project in Sarnath. The primary agenda was to deliberate on the methods for distributing carts to vendors, a crucial component for enhancing local commerce and vendor management under the project. Key attendees included Additional Municipal Commissioner Dushyant Maurya, Deputy Director of Tourism RK Rawat, DUDA Project Officer Nidhi Vajpayee, TSU Coordinator LB Dubey, Chandra Karki from Basic Limited, Assistant Engineer Shivaji Mishra, and Urban Planner Aman Shahu, all contributing to a comprehensive discussion aimed at advancing the project's objectives.



VDA Zone-3 Enforces Sealing on Illegal Constructions in Ward-Kotwali

Following directives from the Vice Chairman, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-3 has taken decisive action against illegal constructions within Ward-Kotwali. Approximately 30 properties were targeted for violating sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the Uttar Pradesh City Planning and Development Act, 1973, involving unauthorized construction activities up to the ground floor, first floor, and ongoing shuttering work for the second floor's slab. Notices were issued to the property owners, demanding an immediate halt to construction activities and providing them an opportunity to show cause. The properties were officially sealed on 04.03.2024 to prevent further unauthorized development and have been placed under the continuous surveillance of the local police. Junior Engineer Ravindra Prakash, along with the Kotwali police force, supervised the sealing operations to ensure compliance and uphold urban planning regulations.



President of Dhobi Samaj Pays Courtesy Visit to VDA Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority recently had a significant meeting with the President of the Dhobi Samaj from Ramnagar and Mughalsarai. During this courteous visit to the Varanasi Development Authority office, the President presented a memento to the Vice Chairman. Additionally, the construction work of the Dhobi Ghat in Ramnagar was reviewed, earning high praise from the President of the Dhobi Samaj and community members for its development and impact at the Dhobi Community.



VDA Zone-4 Implements Sealing on Unauthorized Construction in Bhelupur

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-4 has taken decisive action against illegal construction activities conducted by G.D. Gupta in Ward-Bhelupur. The construction, located opposite Plot No. 13, Bramhanand, near Shivshakti Bhawan, involved the unauthorized development of a B+G floor on a 40' x 40' plot without approved plans.

Following the completion of the first floor's columns and beams, a legal notice was issued on 12.10.2023, citing violations under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the Uttar Pradesh City Planning and Development Act, 1973. The property was subsequently sealed on 04.03.2024 to prevent further unauthorized development and has been placed under the supervision of local law enforcement for ongoing monitoring. Junior Engineer RK Singh, along with the Bhelupur police force, oversaw the sealing process to ensure compliance with urban planning standards.



VDA Vice Chairman Conducts Inspection of Key Development Sites

Pulkit Garg, the Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority, recently conducted inspections at several significant locations, including Dhobi Ghat, Jeet Rivera, and the Swastik Group of Companies in Ramnagar. Additionally, he reviewed the area cleared from the High Flood Level (HFL) on the right side of the CC Road, stretching from Bahadurpur to Yadav Square. The inspection assessed the progress and quality of ongoing projects and infrastructural developments. During this comprehensive review, Zonal Officer Shri Prakash, an assistant engineer and a junior engineer, accompanied the vice chairman to ensure all developments aligned with the planned objectives and standards laid out by VDA.



IMPORTANT ADVISORY: Varanasi Development Authority VDA urges all the citizens of Varanasi to refrain from buying or selling properties with illegal constructions or plotting. All citizens are also advised to secure mandatory map approvals before any construction activity to avoid engaging in illegal construction practices.

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