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**CM Yogi Adityanath Inspects
"Sangeet Path", Calls for City-
Wide Uplift**

During his visit to Varanasi on July 17, CM Yogi Adityanath inspected the newly developed "Sangeet Path" and praised its blend of tradition and modernity. Designed by the VDA, the pathway weaves in elements of Varanasi's musical and spiritual heritage with architectural flair—quickly becoming a tourist magnet.

Impressed with the cultural showcase and execution, the CM directed officials to replicate this quality and concept across other key roads in the city to elevate Varanasi's urban identity even further.





AM to PM Park: Varanasi's All-Day Oasis Now Open

Varanasi's urban green cover just got a serious upgrade. The Varanasi Development Authority has inaugurated the "AM to PM Park" in Lalpur—a first-of-its-kind public space designed for round-the-clock use. Hon'ble Minister Anil Rajbhar led the launch, joined by VDA officials Dr. Gudakesh Sharma and Arvind Sharma.

Spread across 1,634 sq. meters, the park offers everything from an open gym and skating track to an amphitheatre, yoga zone, and selfie points. What sets it apart? It's inclusive. Think: special swings for Divyang children and interactive play panels. Eco-friendly features like terracotta pavers and local plantings round it out.



With lighting designed to keep it vibrant even after sunset, the AM to PM Park truly lives up to its name.



VDA Reviews Construction Progress Across Key City Projects

VDA Secretary Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra chaired a review meeting to assess the pace and quality of ongoing construction projects, with a sharp focus on park upgrades and infrastructure development. Key sites under review included Mahadev Nagar Colony, Kashiram Awasiya Yojna, Patrakar Puram, and Officers Colony.

Major initiatives like the Pro-Poor Housing Scheme, solar light installation in Sarnath, Assi River renovation, and ramp construction at the ghats were also evaluated. The Secretary emphasized on-site supervision—daily visits by assistant/junior engineers and weekly inspections by senior officials—to keep projects on track.



He also called for prompt payments to contractors for completed work to ensure smooth progress ahead.



VDA Reviews Plan to Underground Overhead Cables on Sangeet & Heritage Path

A high-level meeting chaired by VDA Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg was held to push forward the undergrounding of overhead electrical lines along Sangeet Path and the developing Heritage Path corridor (Victory Bridge to JHV Mall). These works are part of Varanasi's larger urban improvement project focused on beautification, pedestrianisation, and junction upgrades.

The plan covers three key stretches totaling over 2 km, all of which currently have double feeder 11kv and 33kv overhead lines, transformers along footpaths, and overhead LT cables. A joint site survey was ordered, and VDA has asked for a consolidated action plan.



This move aims to declutter Varanasi's skyline, improve safety, and elevate aesthetics in key public spaces.



Varanasi's "Net Zero Library" Set to Redefine Sustainable Learning Spaces

In a major leap toward eco-conscious infrastructure, Varanasi will soon be home to a "Net Zero Library"—a state-of-the-art green knowledge hub symbolizing India's net-zero vision. Backed by NHPC Limited and developed by Varanasi Development Authority, the ₹20 crore project was formalized through an MoU signed on 23 July in the presence of VDA Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg and NHPC Director Uttam Lal.

With a capacity of 500 users and over 35,000 books, this 20,930 sq ft, three-storey library will feature a Ganga-inspired façade, solar panels, rainwater harvesting, recycled water systems, and energy-efficient design. Highlights include a digital library, children's

zone, auditorium, gallery, green terrace, and toy corner—designed to be fully accessible to all. VDA's "Net Zero Library" is more than a building; it's a forward-facing statement on how sustainability, culture, and education can coexist.





VDA Hosts Key Workshop on New Building Bye-laws and Zoning Norms

On 24 July, Varanasi Development Authority organized a comprehensive workshop on the UP Development Authority Building Construction and Development Bye-laws-2025 and Model Zoning Regulation-2025, chaired by Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg. The event saw the presence of several dignitaries including Minister of State Ravindra Jaiswal, MLC Dayashankar Mishra "Dayalu", and other regional MLAs and VDA board members.



The session focused on key reforms such as token-based registration for residential and commercial constructions, defined timelines for NOCs, relaxed ground coverage norms, and revised F.A.R. provisions. VDA's Town Planner Prabhat Kumar detailed the technical aspects, while Minister Jaiswal emphasized spreading awareness through youth-led campaigns involving B.Tech, B.Arch, and ITI (Civil) graduates.

The workshop concluded with ceremonial gestures of appreciation and a collective call to make the updated bye-laws more inclusive and widely understood.



VDA Vice Chairman Inspects Transport Nagar Yojana, Pushes for Green & Secure Development

On 26 July 2025, VDA Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg and Secretary Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra inspected the Transport Nagar Yojana site and led a tree plantation drive to promote environmental sustainability in the project area.

During the inspection, the Vice Chairman issued key directives: a guard room and sufficient security staff are to be established at the main entry, pending works with Railways and NHAI must be fast-tracked, and all CCTV systems should be monitored for 24/7 functionality. He also instructed prompt initiation of the retaining wall and strict action against unauthorized farming. A green belt will also be developed with dense plantation to enhance the area's ecological value.





VDA to Set Up 50 Smart Bus Shelters Across Varanasi

To boost public transport and urban infrastructure, Varanasi Development Authority, in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation, will construct 50 modern smart bus shelters across the city. With a budget of ₹12 crore under the Infrastructure Fund, these shelters are designed to improve passenger comfort, accessibility, and transit efficiency.

The shelters will feature solar panels, LED display boards, route maps, CCTV surveillance, WiFi, mobile charging points, and ergonomic seating. Real-time bus tracking and weather-resistant design make them future-ready. Ads will fund their upkeep. Site-specific modules have already been selected based on an earlier city-wide survey.



Figure 1: Module 1, Shelter



Figure 2: Module 2, Shelter with Kiosk



Figure 3: Module with Shelter



Figure 4: Module 4, Shelter with Cyclestand



Figure 5: Module 5, Shelter with EV station



Figure 6: Module 6 Shelter with Kiosk



Figure 7: Module 7, Shelter with EV & Stand



Figure 8: Module 8, Shelter with EV, Stand & Kiosk



VDA Cracks Down on Illegal Constructions and Plotting in Zones 2 & 4

Zone-4 | Dafi & Gauriganj Sealed

On 28/07/2025, VDA sealed two illegal constructions—one in the name of Rainbow Hospital in Dafi by Varun Pathak and P.S. Verma on a 6000 sq. ft. plot (B+G+4) and another at Gauriganj by Mohammad Musa, who violated approved plans and constructed up to B+G+4. Both sites were sealed and handed over to police.



Zone-2 | Chiraigaon Demolished

On 19/07/2025, illegal plotting by Neeraj Pandey (2,500 sq.m) and Anand Maurya (2,000 sq.m) in Chiraigaon, Sarnath was demolished after non-compliance with prior orders under the UP Town Planning Act.



Zone-4 | Chhittupur Sealed

Earlier, on 17/07/2025, a G+3 construction by Ritesh Patel in Mauja-Chhittupur was sealed after attempts to continue work secretly despite prior notices.



Zone-4 | Samneghat Demolished

An unauthorized 900 sq. ft. construction near a drain in Maruti Nagar, Samneghat, was demolished on 27/07/2025. The builder remains unidentified.



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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