



VARANASI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Varanasi Development Authority Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Service Week

To mark the golden jubilee of the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA), a Service Week was organized from 23/08/2024 to 02/09/2024. The week-long event saw various dignitaries participating in celebrations and addressing public grievances.

- 23/08/2024: Shivpur Residential Scheme Park, with Chief Guest Shri Ravindra Jaiswal, Minister of State (Independent Charge).
- 24/08/2024: Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, featuring Shri Dayashankar Mishra "Dayalu", Minister of State (Independent Charge), AYUSH.
- 27/08/2024: Dashashwamedh Plaza, attended by MLA Neelkanth Tiwari and Mayor Ashok Kumar Tiwari.
- 28/08/2024: Kandwa, with Sunil Patel, MLA Rohania, and Neelratan Patel, MLA Sevapuri.
- 29/08/2024: Ravidas Park Nagwan, with MLA Saurabh Shrivastava and other key officials.
- 30/08/2024: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Harhua, hosted by MLA Awadhesh Singh.
- 02/09/2024: Ramnagar Residential Scheme camp addressed public complaints with MLA Ramesh Jaiswal.





Throughout the week, public grievances were swiftly addressed, and information on available VDA properties was provided. Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg emphasized VDA's commitment to the planned development of urban and rural Varanasi.



VDA Holds Meeting on Sculptures and Beautification of Intersections

On 27/08/2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri Pulkit Garg, Vice Chairman of Varanasi Development Authority, to discuss landscaping, lighting, and gardening at intersections across Varanasi. The meeting focused on beautifying key locations such as J.P. Mehta, Police Line, Sigra, Fatman Road, Harhua Crossing, Ravidas Memorial Park, BHU (Vishwanath Temple), and others, with sculptures created by BLW.

Officials present included Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Hridesh Kumar, ADCP (Traffic) Rajesh Kumar Pandey, Additional Municipal Commissioner Rajiv Rai, Secretary VDA Dr Ved Prakash Mishra, and experts from BLW, BHU, and other departments. The project aims to enhance the aesthetics of the city through strategic landscaping and statue installations.



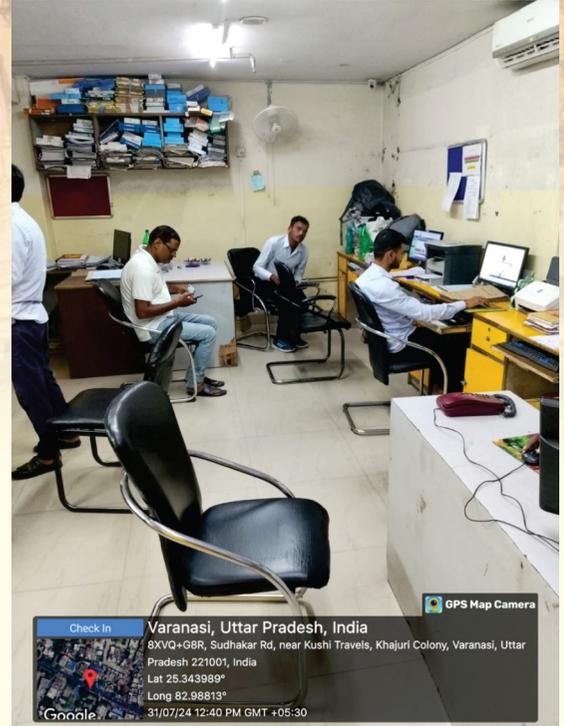


VDA Takes Action on Unauthorized Use of Basements

Following the directives of Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg, the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) has launched a month-long campaign to address the illegal commercial use of basements across the city. Notices were served to 261 operators, leading to the vacating of 151 basements and the sealing of 5 others. Hearings are ongoing for 85 cases, while 12 operators submitted affidavits to use their basements for parking as per regulations.

Zone-wise action:

- Zone 01: Out of 67 cases, 46 basements were vacated, 20 are under hearing, and 1 summons was issued.
- Zone 02: Out of 10 cases, 7 were vacated, 2 sealed, and 1 case is under hearing.
- Zone 03: Out of 97 cases, 74 were vacated, 16 are under hearing, and 4 shop operations were stopped.
- Zone 04: Out of 70 cases, 9 basements were vacated, 2 sealed, and hearings are ongoing for 47 cases. Twelve operators provided affidavits for parking use.
- Zone 05: Out of 17 cases, 15 were vacated, 1 was sealed, and 3 cases were exempt from the basement category.



Pulkit Garg emphasized that this campaign aims to ease traffic congestion by ensuring basements are used for parking, not business. Zone-wise reviews will be conducted every 15 days to continue the effort.



VDA Reviews Progress on Ropeway Project Construction

A review meeting on the progress of the Varanasi ropeway construction project was held at the VDA Auditorium under the chairmanship of Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg. The ropeway, which will connect Varanasi Cantt Railway Station to Godaulia Square, is part of a pilot public transport project. The focus of the review was on the shifting of infrastructure facilities, including cables and utilities, to clear space for tower and station construction.

The Vice Chairman expressed dissatisfaction with the Electricity Department's delay in removing cables between Tower No. 5 and Tower No. 13, and discussions were held about relocating a police booth near Church Square. Departments, including Jalkal, Jal Nigam, and Electricity, were urged to address these delays promptly.



VDA Secretary Ved Prakash Mishra and Superintending Engineer Anand Mishra were present at the meeting.



VDA Vice Chairman Inspects Guest House Mitigation Map Application

The VDA Vice Chairman inspected a 1,741 sqm guest house (marriage lawn) site following a mitigation map application by Roopnarain and Jeet Narayan in Mouza Chhittupur Lohta, Ward Dashaswamedh. The Vice Chairman instructed the Zonal Officer and Junior Engineer to take necessary action regarding the application and nearby construction.



VDA Holds Meeting on Assi River Renovation

A meeting chaired by the VDA Vice Chairman on 06.09.2024 focused on the renovation of the Assi River. Various departments agreed to assist in preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR), discussing points such as the revenue map, sewer line, and water network. IIT (BHU) is leading the renovation project, and the Vice Chairman directed the Municipal Corporation to provide the revenue map. Officials from VDA, the Municipal Corporation, and other departments were present to offer support.





VDA Vice Chairman Inspects Road Widening Project

On 03/09/2024, the Vice Chairman of Varanasi Development Authority conducted a site inspection for the road widening project from Rath Yatra to Kamaksha Tiraha and Jal Sansthan Tiraha. The inspection covered key areas, including CHS Boys School, Ranveer Sanskrit Vidyalaya, and Kashi Raj Apartment. The Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineer, school principals, and VDA officials were present.



VDA Invites Tenders for Road Strengthening in Lalpur Housing Scheme

Following the directions of VDA Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg, tenders have been invited for road strengthening in Lalpur Aawasiya Yojna Phase-1, Block-C. An estimated ₹1.46 crore will be spent on repairing 1,540 meters of damaged roads, laying 111 meters of sewer/water lines, and constructing 182 meters of drains. This project aims to ease the inconvenience faced by allottees in the area.





VDA Vice Chairman Leads Meeting on Kharif Procurement Planning

On 29/08/2024, VDA Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg chaired a meeting with the Fertilizer and Logistics Department to discuss preparations for the Kharif Marketing Year 2024-25. Key topics included approval of paddy purchase centres, contractor appointments, verification of rice mills, and equipment setup for centres. Officials from the Agriculture and Food Departments were present. The Vice Chairman emphasized the timely completion of tasks in Varanasi, Chandauli, Jaunpur, and Ghazipur districts to ensure smooth paddy and grain procurement for the season.



VDA Vice Chairman Inspects Lalpur Housing Scheme Construction

On 07/09/2024, the Varanasi Development Authority Vice Chairman inspected the ongoing construction of KC and RCC drains in the Lalpur Residential Scheme Phases I and II. Sahasrabdani Construction Pvt. Ltd. is executing the 12,500-meter KC drain and 2,550-meter RCC drain project, valued at ₹3.49 crore. This initiative aims to improve drainage during the rainy season, alleviating waterlogging for the scheme's allottees. The Vice Chairman urged swift completion within a month and emphasized proper drain cleaning to prevent obstructions. Senior engineers were present during the inspection.





VDA Reviews Progress of Ropeway Construction Project

Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg of the Varanasi Development Authority reviewed the progress of the ropeway construction from Varanasi Cantt Railway Station to Godaulia Square. The project involves shifting various infrastructure facilities, and officials from the Electricity Department, Jalkal, Jal Nigam, and GAIL India were present. The Vice Chairman expressed displeasure over delays and urged swift resolution of issues. VDA Secretary Ved Prakash Mishra and Superintending Engineer Anand Mishra were also present.



VDA Seals Illegal Construction in Zone-3

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team sealed an illegal construction in Zone-3, Ward-Dashashmedh. Without approval, Jameel Akhtar and Atiur Rahman completed a third-floor construction of approximately 800 sq. ft. Despite a show cause notice issued on 02.07.2024 under the UP Town Planning and Development Act, the construction continued. On 21/08/2024, the structure was sealed by VDA. Zonal Officer Saurabh Dev Prajapati and Junior Engineer Ravindra Prakash were present during the action. The Vice Chairman urged the public to seek proper approval for all constructions to avoid strict action.



VDA Seals Illegal Construction in Zone-4

Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team sealed an unauthorized construction in Ward-Bhelupur. Dr Vivek Srivastava was secretly conducting nighttime construction without approved plans. Upon discovering pillars and shuttering work, the VDA issued a notice under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. The illegal construction was sealed on 02.09.2024 and handed over to Bhelupur Police for monitoring. During the sealing, Zonal Officer Pramod Tiwari and Junior Engineer Rakesh Kumar Singh were present.





VDA Demolishes Illegal Plotting in Zone-2

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-2 carried out a demolition operation against illegal plotting on a 5-bigha area in Ward-Sarnath, Mauja-Vyaspur. The unauthorized development was demolished on 04/09/2024 with the assistance of the police force. Zonal Officer Sanjeev Kumar and Junior Engineer J.P. Gupta oversaw the proceedings.



VDA Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting in Zone-2

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone 2 conducted demolition proceedings against illegal plotting on a total area of 1 bigha. Unauthorized development on 0.5 bighas each in Mauja-Bankat and Mauja-Chaubepur under Ward-Sarnath was demolished on 07/09/2024 with the assistance of the police. Zonal Officer Sanjeev Kumar and Junior Engineer J.P. Gupta were present at the site.



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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