



# VARANASI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## VDA Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg Demands Acceleration of Drain Construction in Lalpur Housing Scheme

Pulkit Garg, the Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority, conducted a rigorous inspection of the ongoing RCC deep drain and KC drain construction within the Lalpur Housing Scheme. Despite previous warnings to expedite progress, the pace of work remained unsatisfactorily slow, with no significant increase in the workforce.

In response to the slow progress, the VC reprimanded the responsible contractor, demanding an immediate acceleration of the construction efforts. Furthermore, M/s Millennium Construction, the firm overseeing the project, has been fined Rs 1,00,000 (one lakh) for failing to meet the project timelines. The firm also received a notice questioning its continuation of the project, with considerations for termination and blacklisting due to non-compliance.

The Vice Chairman has set a firm deadline for completing all construction activities by 30th April, emphasising the importance of removing debris and ensuring the project's timely conclusion. Executive Engineer Anand Mishra and Assistant Engineer Shivaji Mishra were present during the inspection, underscoring the authority's commitment to maintaining high standards and accountability in development projects.

## VDA Vice Chairperson Pulkit Garg Leads Review on Mitigation Map Disposal Process

In a significant move to streamline the construction approval process, VDA VC Pulkit Garg chaired a comprehensive review meeting in the authority auditorium. The session, attended by zonal officers, junior engineers, and counter assistants, focused on the entire process of mitigation maps and their current disposal status.

VC emphasized the importance of not proceeding with construction without official map approval. He instructed that the supervision areas for all zones be clearly defined and mandated that AEs, JEs, and field staff vigilantly monitor for illegal constructions within their jurisdictions. Immediate actions, including sealing and notice issuance, were ordered against any unauthorized constructions detected.

Furthermore, Garg directed that, following map approval, boards indicating such approval should be prominently displayed at construction sites, ensuring that landholders adhere strictly to the authority-approved plans. The meeting saw the presence of Secretary Dr Ved Prakash Mishra, Joint Secretary Parmanand Yadav & Town Planner Prabhat Kumar, among other officials, underlining the VDA's commitment to enforcing construction regulations and maintaining urban development standards.



## VDA Secretary Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra Leads Inspection for the Ropeway Project at Godowlia & Girijagar Intersection

Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra, Secretary of the VDA, thoroughly inspected the Godowlia & Church (Girijagar) intersections alongside the ropeway project team. The visit aimed to assess the progress and readiness for the upcoming utility shifting work, a critical phase for the timely completion of the ropeway development project. Dr. Mishra instructed the commencement of utility shifting post-demarcation as soon as possible to ensure no delays in the project timeline.

Key stakeholders, including Pooja Mishra (Project Manager) and representatives from the Municipal Corporation, Water Corporation, Smart City, Electricity department & PWD teams, attended the inspection. This collaborative effort underscores the Varanasi Development Authority's and its partners' commitment to advancing the city's infrastructure and enhancing urban mobility through the strategic implementation of the ropeway project.

## VDA Vice Chairperson Enforces Penalty on Contractor for Delays in Sanjay Nagar Colony Roadwork

The Vice Chairperson of the Varanasi Development Authority conducted a detailed inspection of the road construction and interlocking work in Sanjay Nagar Colony, assessing on-site quality and progress. Despite previous warnings, the project has not met its scheduled completion, leading to the Vice Chairperson's dissatisfaction with the slow pace and inadequate workforce.

As a result, a financial penalty of ₹50,000 has been levied against the contractor, M/s Jwalamukhi Construction, for failing to adhere to the project timeline. Furthermore, the Vice Chairperson has initiated steps to debar the contractor from future projects under the authority's purview. A show cause notice will also be issued to the concerned sub-engineer for oversight.

The Vice Chairperson has set a firm deadline of April 7 to complete all work. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the blacklisting of M/s Jwalamukhi Construction. The Secretary, Executive Engineer, Junior Engineer, and other officials attended the inspection, highlighting the authority's commitment to maintaining high standards and accountability in public infrastructure projects.



## VDA Vice Chairperson Pulkit Garg Leads Surprise Inspection to Enhance Office Efficiency

In an unexpected move to boost operational efficiency, Pulkit Garg, the Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority, conducted a thorough surprise inspection across all sections of the VDA office building. During the inspection, he issued directives to officers and employees, emphasising the importance of maintaining an organised workspace. Key instructions included the proper organisation of files, the relegation of unused files to the record room, the placement of designation plates on tables, and the display of work allocation charts. Additionally, Garg stressed the necessity of keeping the office sections not only well-organized but also clean, underscoring the commitment of the VDA to fostering a productive and efficient administrative environment.

## VDA Secretary Dr Ved Prakash Mishra Chairs Ropeway Project Review Meeting

Dr Ved Prakash Mishra, Secretary of the Varanasi Development Authority, led a critical review meeting with the ropeway project team in the authority's auditorium. The discussion focused on addressing and swiftly resolving issues related to the ropeway development work stretching from Rath Yatra to Church Square. Dr. Mishra emphasised the need for a re-survey of the site to identify and tackle these challenges effectively. Key participants in the meeting included Pooja Mishra, the project manager, and representatives from the municipal corporation, water corporation, smart city initiative, electricity, and PWD team, who highlighted the collaborative effort to ensure the successful implementation of the ropeway project.



## VDA Leadership Conducts Surprise Inspection of EWS House Repairs in Premchand Nagar Colony

In an unexpected move to ensure the quality and timely completion of repairs for EWS houses in Premchand Nagar Colony, Varanasi Development Authority Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg and Secretary Dr Ved Prakash Mishra undertook a thorough inspection of the ongoing project. They emphasised the importance of uninterrupted work and adherence to high standards. Due to observed delays, the Vice Chairman mandated a financial penalty of ₹20,000 against M/s Ambe Stone Industries, cautioning that failure to complete the repairs by the 30th of April could lead to blacklisting. The inspection was attended by the property officer, executive engineer, and junior engineer, underscoring the VDA's commitment to improving living conditions for economically weaker sections with accountability and efficiency.

## VDA Zone-1 Enforces Sealing on Illegal Construction in Sikraul

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-1 has taken decisive action against an illegal construction project in the Emilia Ghat ward of Sikraul, Varanasi. Led by Sandeep Jha, the project involved the unauthorised construction of BG+2 floors, violating the Uttar Pradesh Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. The work persisted unabated despite receiving a notice on 01.09.23 to cease construction and provide justification.

Following the failure to comply with the notice, the jurisdiction was sealed on 01.04.2024 and placed under the jurisdiction of the Cantt Police Station for further monitoring. The operation was overseen by Zonal Officer Singh Gaurav Jai Prakash and Junior Engineer Atul Mishra, highlighting the VDA's commitment to upholding urban planning regulations and taking strict action against unauthorised developments.



**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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