



# VARANASI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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## VDA Vice Chairman Inspects Shops with signage boards and Park

Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority, Shri Pulkit Garg, inspected shops with signage boards from Godaulia to Dashaswamedh Ghat, Dashaswamedh Plaza, and Chittaranjan Park. Local traders complained about unresolved signage issues and line markings, leading to a show cause notice for the Executive Prosecutor.

- Key actions:**
- **Chittaranjan Park:** Directed DADF to improve beautification, cleanliness, and maintenance.
  - **Dashaswamedh Plaza:** Fined the Operation and Maintenance Company Rs. 1 lakh for dirt found during inspection. Directed repairs for surface plaster, lighting, water cooler, toilets, and drain cleaning. Ordered installation of dustbins, painting of dirty walls, and shift-wise guard duties.

## VDA Launches Map Facilitation Cell for Streamlined Approvals

Under Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg's direction, the Varanasi Development Authority has established the Map Facilitation Cell, chaired by Town Planner Prabhat Kumar. The Cell aims to streamline the map approval process, enhance public awareness of standards, and promote transparency.

- Key features:**
- **Availability:** Office Room No. 38, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
  - **Objectives:** Simplify map approval, provide clear timelines, and assist the public/builders with the latest information and standards.

This initiative ensures quicker, easier, and more effective map approvals for the general public and builders.



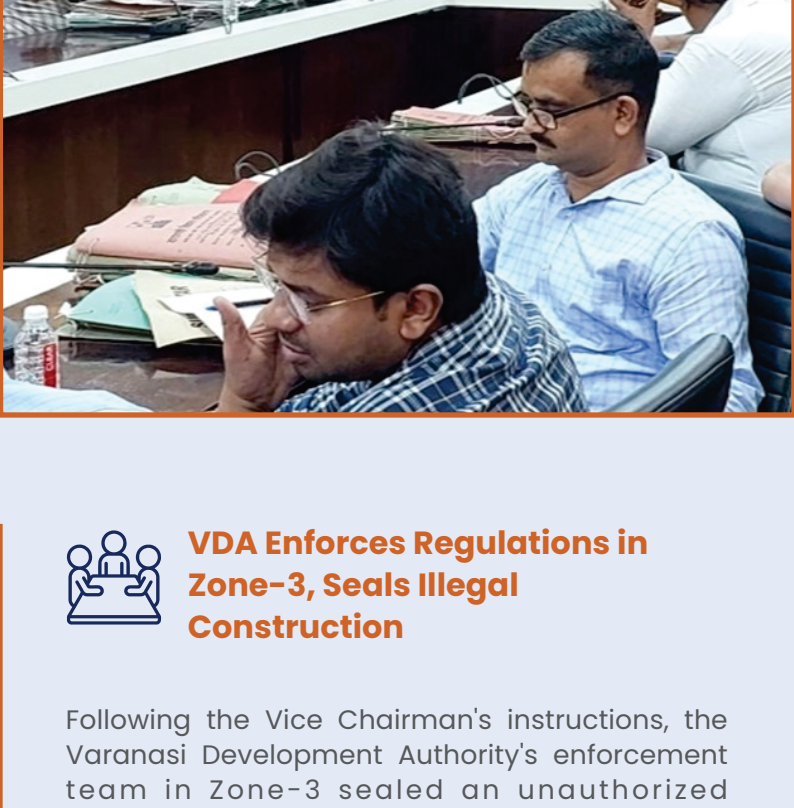
## VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-4, Seals Illegal Construction

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-4 sealed an illegal construction in Ward-Bhelupur. Khushboo Agarwal and Shri Deepak Kumar Agarwal initiated the unauthorized casting of an RCC slab on the third floor above a pre-constructed G+2 structure at P-8/13, Lane-12, B-2/249, Ravindrपुरi. The construction continued despite notices issued under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. The unauthorized G+3 construction on a 30'x60' plot was sealed on June 15, 2024, and handed over to Police Station Bhelupur for continuous monitoring. Zonal Officer Pramod Tiwari and Junior Engineer Ajay Jain supervised the action.

## VDA Organizes Notice Hearing and Map Disposal Camp

The Varanasi Development Authority recently held a Notice Hearing and Map Disposal Camp, achieving significant milestones in processing and approvals. The Planning Section issued 20 NOCs, while the Sealing Section issued 15 NOCs. Additionally, the camp received 3 new mitigation map applications. 21 maps were processed, resulting in fees amounting to Rs. 3,38,67,921, with Rs. 59,23,368 deposited into the Authority Fund.

The camp saw an attendance of 131 people, with 109 notice cases heard. Joint Secretary Parmanand Yadav led the event. It involved the participation of Zonal Officers from five zones, junior engineers, clerks, and personnel from the Planning, Acquisition, Sealing, and Litigation sections. To ensure the effective disposal of mitigation maps and notices, the VDA will organize similar camps every Thursday in the Authority auditorium.



## VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-3, Seals Illegal Construction

Following the Vice Chairman's instructions, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-3 sealed an unauthorized construction by Anshul Gupta in Ward-Chetganj. Gupta had constructed B+G+3 floors on a 35x35 area at building number C-25/8 A-3 Arya Nagar, Piplani Katra, and performed shuttering work on the third floor covering the FSB. Work continued despite a show cause and stop construction notice under sections 27, 28 (i), and 28 (ii) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act 1973. The site was sealed on June 21, 2024, and handed over to Chetganj police station for continuous monitoring. Zonal Officer Saurabh Dev Prajapati and Junior Engineer Ravindra Prakash supervised the action.



## VDA Meeting on Efficient Food Grain Transport

Under the chairmanship of Shri Pulkit Garg, a meeting was held to streamline the operations of food handlers and transport contractors under Single Stage Door Step Delivery. Key directives included mandatory real-time entries on challans after truck gate passes, timely dispatch of trucks to FCI depots, and strict adherence to using GPS-enabled vehicles. Additionally, transport contractors were instructed to provide route charts to FCI to ensure timely labour availability. Any objections to the route charts should be submitted in writing for resolution. The meeting was attended by the Deputy Commissioner of Food, the Divisional Food Marketing Officer, the Area Manager of FCI, all DFMO, DSO, and transport contractors of the division.



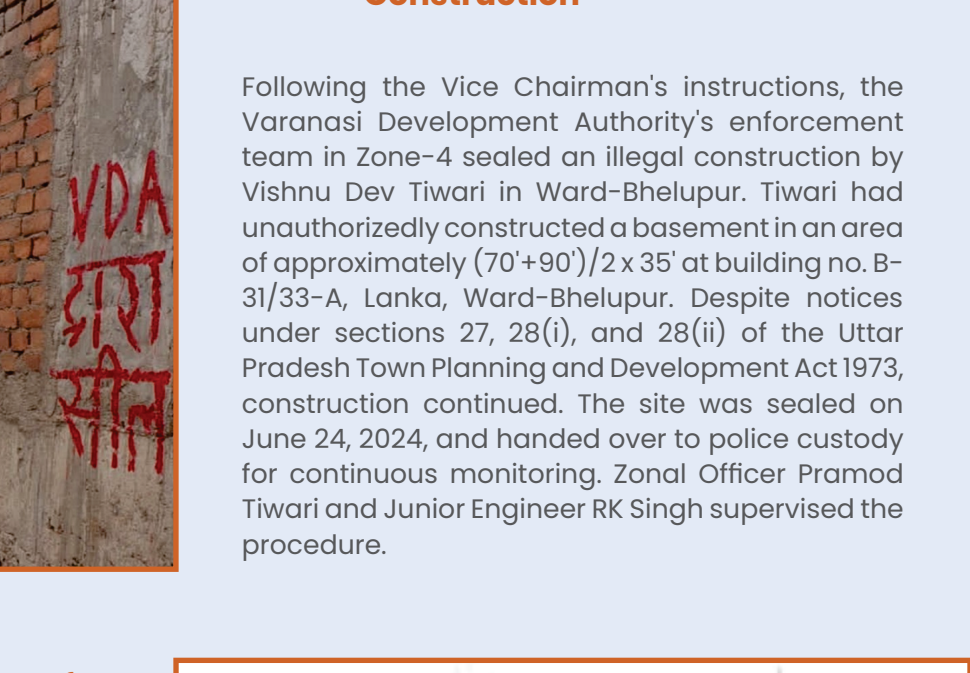
## VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-4, Seals Illegal Construction

Following the Vice Chairman's instructions, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-4 sealed an unauthorized construction by Santosh Kumar Dubey in Ward-Nagwa. Dubey had illegally added a floor and multi-unit to a 518 square meter area on Arazi No. 266, Mauja Lathian, contrary to the approved single residential mitigation map for steel + 3 floors. Work continued despite notices under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act 1973. The site was sealed on June 22, 2024, and handed over to the Rohaniya police station for continuous monitoring. Zonal Officer Saurabh Dev Prajapati and Junior Engineer RK Singh supervised the sealing.



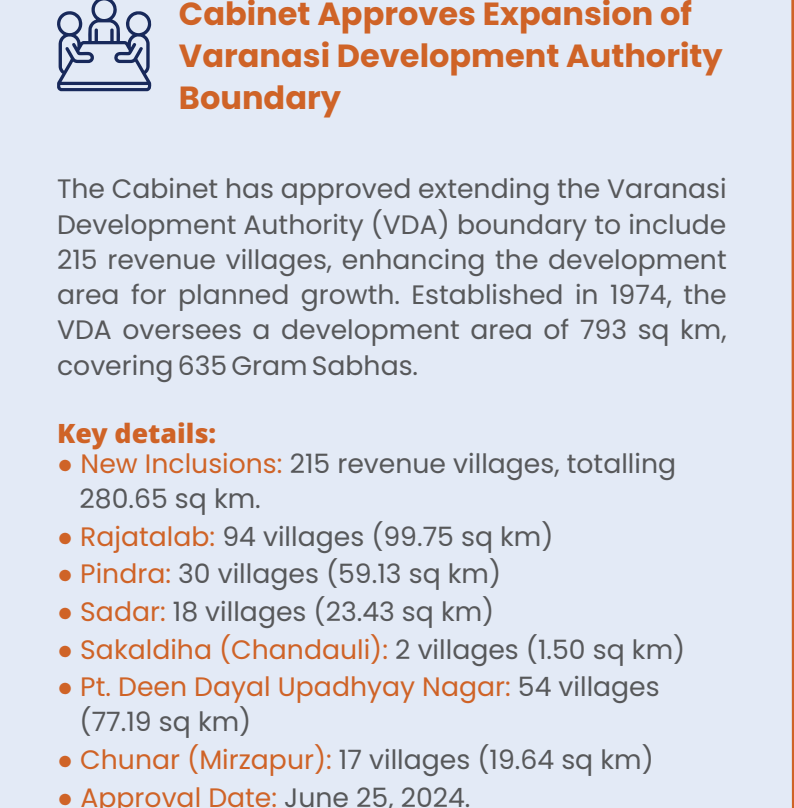
## VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-1, Seals Illegal Construction

Following the Vice Chairman's instructions, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-1 sealed an illegal construction by Sachin Singh at Suryash Hospital, Sikraul Village, Ward-Sikraul. The action was taken on June 26, 2024, under Sections 27(i), 28(i), and 28(ii) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act. Zonal Officer Gaurav Jaiprakash and Junior Engineer Atul Mishra supervised the sealing procedure.



## VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-4, Seals Illegal Construction

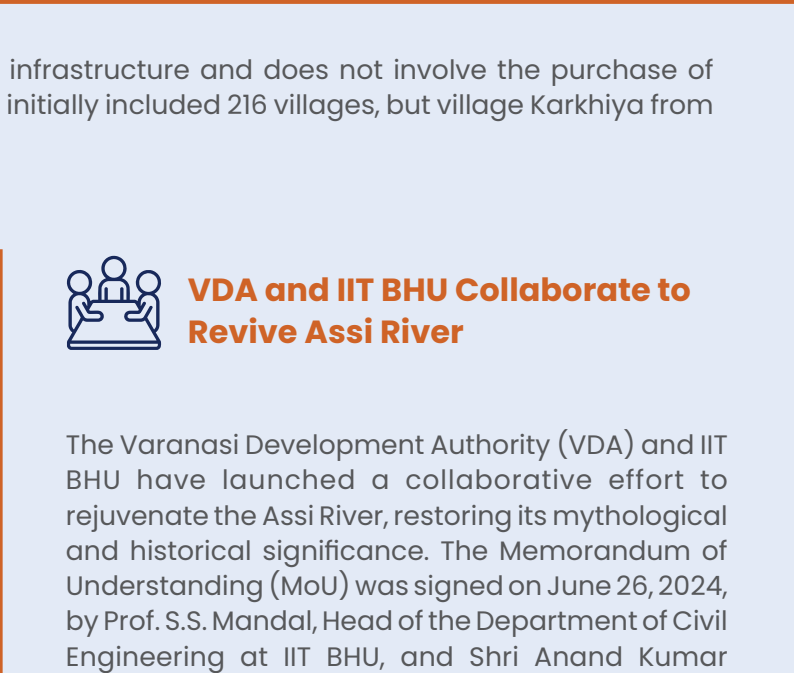
Following the Vice Chairman's instructions, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-4 sealed an illegal construction by Vishnu Dev Tiwari in Ward-Bhelupur. Tiwari had unauthorizedly constructed a basement in an area of approximately (70'+90')/2 x 35' at building no. B-31/33-A, Lanka, Ward-Bhelupur. Despite notices under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the Uttar Pradesh Town Planning and Development Act 1973, construction continued. The site was sealed on June 24, 2024, and handed over to police custody for continuous monitoring. Zonal Officer Pramod Tiwari and Junior Engineer RK Singh supervised the procedure.



## Cabinet Approves Expansion of Varanasi Development Authority Boundary

The Cabinet has approved extending the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) boundary to include 215 revenue villages, enhancing the development area for planned growth. Established in 1974, the VDA oversees a development area of 793 sq km, covering 635 Gram Sabhas.

- Key details:**
- **New Inclusions:** 215 revenue villages, totalling 280.65 sq km.
  - **Rajatalab:** 94 villages (99.75 sq km)
  - **Pindra:** 30 villages (59.13 sq km)
  - **Sadar:** 18 villages (23.43 sq km)
  - **Sakaldiha (Chandauli):** 2 villages (1.50 sq km)
  - **Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar:** 54 villages (77.19 sq km)
  - **Chunar (Mirzapur):** 17 villages (19.64 sq km)
  - **Approval Date:** June 25, 2024.



This expansion facilitates the planned development of infrastructure and does not involve the purchase of village land by the VDA or the Government. The proposal initially included 216 villages, but village Karkhiya from Tehsil Pindra was excluded.

## VDA and IIT BHU Collaborate to Revive Assi River

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) and IIT BHU have launched a collaborative effort to rejuvenate the Assi River, restoring its mythological and historical significance. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on June 26, 2024, by Prof. S.S. Mandal, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at IIT BHU, and Shri Anand Kumar Mishra, Executive Engineer, VDA. The initiative aims to revive the Assi River, focusing on its ecological structure, water conservation, and its historical importance.

Prof. Amit Patra, Director of IIT BHU, Shri Pulkit Garg, IAS & Vice Chairman of VDA, Prof. Vikas Dubey, Dean R&D, and other senior professors and VDA representatives, attended the signing ceremony. Under the MoU, the project will involve the preparation of a Comprehensive Action Plan for the Rejuvenation of Assi River, including geotechnical, geophysical, and geomorphological studies, as well as the planning and design of the Assi River Front.

The Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared in four phases over eight months: a Preliminary Evaluation Report and Data Collection by the 2nd month, a Feasibility Report with Technology Solutions by the 5th month, a Draft Detailed Project Report by the 7th month, and a Final Detailed Project Report by the 8th month. The project, estimated at Rs. 1.12 crore, aims to achieve water rejuvenation, riverbank development, environmental improvement, increase barge development, and water purification, thereby restoring the Assi River's mythological and historical significance.

## VDA Vice Chairman Inspects Tube Well Installation

The Vice Chairman inspected the installation of a tube well in Neechi Bagh, Varanasi, funded by the Varanasi Development Authority's infrastructure fund. He gathered detailed information from the junior engineer of the water works department and personally tested the water quality. The Executive Engineer was also present during the inspection.



## VDA Discusses Transport Nagar Scheme with Transporters

A meeting chaired by Shri Pulkit Garg, Vice Chairman of Varanasi Development Authority, was held to discuss the Transport Nagar scheme and its facilities. Key attendees included VDA Secretary Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra, Joint Secretary Parmanand Yadav, Property Officer Rajiv Jaiswal, Assistant Property Officer Ramesh Chand Dubey, and Executive Engineers Anand Mishra and Arvind. Various issues and improvements were discussed to enhance the scheme's effectiveness.

**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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