



VARANASI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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VDA Hosts Workshop on Transferable Development Rights to Revolutionize Varanasi's Urban Landscape

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA), under the leadership of Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg, conducted a pivotal workshop on Transferable Development Rights (TDR) at the VDA office auditorium. This event, organised by the Project Management Unit (PMU) appointed by VDA, aimed to enlighten developers and stakeholders about the significant impact of the TDR policy on Varanasi's urban development.

Transferable Development Rights, a policy allowing landowners to receive compensatory Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for the development potential of their land, promises to transform Varanasi by enhancing land value, spurring economic growth, and conserving heritage sites. The workshop featured expert insights on TDR's application tailored to Varanasi's unique needs, exploring innovative TDR models and their benefits.

Key discussions included the history of TDR in Varanasi, the 2022 policy enactment, and the integration of TDR Receiving Sending Zones into the city's master plan. The Vice Chairman addressed queries, clarifying the policy's objectives and implementation.

Esteemed participants included directors and chairpersons from leading real estate groups such as Didwania Group, CREDAI, Swastik Builder, Vartika Developer, and SSB Group. Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg expressed gratitude towards all attendees for their contribution to the workshop, marking a step forward in realising Varanasi's urban development goals through the innovative use of TDR.



VDA Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg Conducts Inspection for Mitigation Map Approvals and Beautification Projects

Pulkit Garg, the Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority, undertook a detailed on-site inspection to approve mitigation maps related to commercial, hospital, and guest house/hotel projects in Bhelupur, totalling an investment of Rs 2.14 crore. Accompanied by Zonal Officer Mr Pramod Kumar Tiwari and Junior Engineer Mr RK Singh, the inspection ensured the proposed developments aligned with VDA's planning and regulatory standards.

Following the map approval inspection, the Vice Chairman also reviewed the progress of the beautification project at the park in the PMO office in Jawahar Nagar. Emphasising the importance of work quality, Mr Pulkit Garg issued strict directives to the executing firm's representative to uphold high standards in beautification, reflecting VDA's commitment to enhancing Varanasi's urban landscape.



VDA Vice Chairman Reviews Beautification Efforts at Jawahar Nagar Colony Park

Pulkit Garg, the Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority, recently inspected the ongoing beautification project at the park in Jawahar Nagar Colony, Bhelupur. The project encompasses a variety of enhancements, including the construction of pathways, installation of an open gym, wall plaster painting, lighting improvements, and the addition of children's play swings. Zonal Officer Pramod Tiwari and Junior Engineer RK Singh Rawat accompanied the Vice Chairman during this inspection, ensuring that the project's execution aligns with the intended aesthetic and functional upgrades for the community's benefit.



VDA Vice Chairman Showcases Varanasi Development Projects to National Defence College Delegation

On 21st March 2024, from 12:30 pm to 01:15 pm, the Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority presented an overview of ongoing and future development projects in Varanasi to a high-level delegation of 18 officers from the National Defence College. This presentation, part of the delegation's visit from 20th to 22nd March 2024, took place in the new auditorium of the authority. Highlighted projects included the Pro-Poor initiative and Transport Nagar, among others, showcasing the authority's commitment to the city's development. The session concluded with the Vice Chairman gifting diaries to the visiting officers, symbolising the authority's appreciation and hospitality.



VDA Zone-1 Cracks Down on Illegal Construction in Sikraul, Varanasi

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-1 has taken decisive action against illegal construction activities in Ward-Sikraul. The property in question, owned by Shivdulari, widow of Late Rajkumar, is located at Bhavan No. S. 10/202 Hukulganj (East in front of Rajput Medical) was found to violate the Uttar Pradesh Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. Despite being issued a notice on 12.12.2023 to cease construction, the work on the second floor above the BG floors continued unabated.

Following due process, the construction was sealed on 22.03.2024 to prevent further illegal activities and has been placed under police surveillance for ongoing monitoring. Junior Engineer Ambrish Kumar Sharma and Zonal Officer Singh Gaurav Jai Prakash were present during the enforcement, underscoring VDA's commitment to upholding urban planning regulations and ensuring lawful development within the city.



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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