



# VARANASI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## VDA Secretary Reviews Progress of Pro-Poor Projects in Sarnath

Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra, the Secretary of the VDA, recently inspected the ongoing Pro-Poor Project works in Sarnath, supported by the World Bank. The projects under review included the Dharmapala Market via Munari Road, the Buddha Theme Park & the Museum. The Executive Engineer briefed Dr. Mishra on these initiatives' current status and future progress plan.

During the inspection, it was reported that construction activities, such as the sump for the interpretation wall and the sewage pumping for the toilet block, are underway along the Dharampala and Rishipattan roads. Dr Mishra emphasized the importance of completing these works by the 31st of March 2024. Executive Engineer Anand Mishra, Assistant Engineer Shivaji Mishra & Junior Engineer Vijay Singh, among other officials, attended the inspection, ensuring a comprehensive review of the project's progress and adherence to the scheduled timelines.



## Full Payment Leads to Shop Allotment at Dashashwamedh Plaza by VDA

The Varanasi Development Authority has confirmed the allotment of shop spaces at Dashashwamedh Plaza to four individuals following their complete payment. The beneficiaries of this allotment include Tara Sonkar (L0-1/6), Preeti Maurya (L0-1/7), Kanchan Sharma (L02/7), and Anita Devi (L01/8). Dashashwamedh Plaza's Manager, Akshay Dutt Tiwari, Assistant Manager, Durgesh Verma, and Sufiyan Ansari facilitated the formal handover of possession, ensuring a smooth transition for the new shop owners.



## VDA Enforces Sealing Action Against Illegal Construction in Shivpur

Following directives from the VC, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-1 executed a sealing operation against unauthorised construction. The action was taken in Shivpur Ward, specifically against the illegal structure owned by Balwant Singh, located in Patta Dwarika Puram Colony, Mauja Khujri Ward, Shivpur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The construction persisted despite rejecting the mitigation map and subsequent notices under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the Development Act, 1973, issued on 24.02.2023. Consequently, sealing measures were enforced on 27.02.2024, with the property under continuous police surveillance. Zonal Officer Singh Gaurav Jai Prakash, Junior Engineer Ambrish Kumar Sharma & the Shivpur police force were present to oversee the operation.



## VDA Implements Sealing Measures Against Unauthorized Construction in Shivpur

The Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-1 has executed sealing operations against illegal constructions as per the authority's directives. The action targeted an unauthorized structure in Shivpur Ward, belonging to Mrs. Ranjana Devi and her husband Manish Rai, located at Patta Devki Nagar Colony, Mauja Chhatripur Ward, Shivpur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. Following the rejection of their mitigation map, a notice was issued on 11.11.2022 under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the Development Act, 1973. Despite the notice, the illicit construction proceeded, leading to the sealing of the property on 27.02.2024, which has since been placed under the continuous watch of the police. The operation was overseen by Zonal Officer Singh Gaurav Jai Prakash, Junior Engineer Ambrish Kumar Sharma, and the local Shivpur police force.



## Varanasi Development Authority Hosts Divisional Vegetable, Fruit, and Flower Display Competition

Under the guidance of Pulkit Garg, Vice Chairman of the Varanasi Development Authority, and the Horticulture Food Processing Department, an online competition was organized for the lawns & parks of approved colonies and registered housing societies. This divisional vegetable, fruit, and flower display encourages aesthetic and sustainable gardening practices. The top three participants will receive accolades and monetary rewards from the authority: the winner will be honoured with the Chal Vaijayanti shield and the cash prize of ₹10,000. The 2nd & 3rd winners will get ₹5,000 and ₹3,000 respectively. The evaluation by the committee will commence on April 24, 2024, at 10:00 am.



**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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