



# VARANASI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Streamlining Processes: Key Outcomes from VDA Workshop

A focused workshop was recently held at the Varanasi Development Authority, chaired by Town Planner Prabhat Kumar and directed by Shri Pulkit Garg, Vice Chairman. The session addressed recurring issues in the online building plan approval process, particularly errors in document uploads and map scrutiny. Key participants included Assistant, Junior, and Associate Engineers in planning and mapping.

During the workshop, clear directives were issued to enhance the accuracy and security of submissions:

- Architects must safeguard their registration and ID passwords to prevent unauthorized access, with a warning that non-compliance would invite strict actions.
- It is mandatory for documents uploaded to the portal to bear the physical signature of the architect.



- In the plot details of the development tab, the "Master Plan" option should be exclusively selected over "Other."
- Affidavits must precisely reflect the details of the presented map.



## Inspection Update: Vice Chairperson Overseeing Benia Bagh Developments

Shri Pulkit Garg, Vice Chairperson of the Varanasi Development Authority, meticulously inspected the ongoing boundary wall construction at the Urban PHC in Benia Bagh. Emphasising the importance of design and functionality, he instructed the Executive Engineer to minimise the use of interlocking in the boundary's construction. This strategy is intended to prevent water logging issues during the monsoon season. Furthermore, he advocated developing a green park to enhance the area's aesthetic and environmental value.

Shri Garg stressed the necessity for quality work and adherence to the project's timeline. Present at the inspection was the Zonal Officer of the Municipal Corporation, the Executive Engineer of Construction, and a Junior Engineer, ensuring a collaborative effort towards timely and effective completion.



## Pathway to Ownership: VDA's Initiative to Empower Tenants

A significant meeting took place under the chairmanship of Property Officer-in-Charge Rajiv Jaiswal in the VDA auditorium on April 20, 2024, focusing on transitioning 152 tenants into homeowners. This initiative, spearheaded by Vice Chairperson Pulkit Garg, saw around 70 allottees participating, demonstrating significant interest in the property ownership scheme.

During the session, Rajiv Jaiswal clarified the terms and conditions associated with the property purchases. Remarkably, 68 allottees expressed their commitment to purchase the property, and two individuals have already deposited the amount via cheque to secure ownership of a shop. Following the meeting, desk assistants were tasked with the necessary actions for registration to ensure a smooth transition to ownership.



The meeting was well-attended by key VDA personnel, including Assistant Property Officer Ramesh Chandra Dubey, Senior Clerk Shankar Narayan Upadhyay, and other desk assistants from the Property Section, highlighting the authority's commitment to this empowering initiative.



## Sealing Action: Enforcement Crackdown on Illegal Construction in Varanasi

The enforcement team of Varanasi Development Authority, Zone-4, took decisive action against illegal constructions under Ward-Bhelupur. Notably, at building no. B-30/1-P-S, Shahi Niwas, Janaki Bagh, Lanka, an unauthorised construction comprising a basement and additional floors spanning an area of 70x100 was sealed. The builder, Usha Shahi, had proceeded without the requisite approvals, leading to enforcement under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act, 1973.

Initially sealed on September 8, 2020, the construction was illegally resumed after the seal was broken, prompting the registration of FIR No. 0147 on June 1, 2022, at Lanka Police Station. Subsequently, the construction was resealed on February 4, 2022. Despite these measures, the building was developed to five floors, hosting Kesari's Kitchen Restaurant and Wells Inn Hotel on the ground and second floors, respectively. These premises were sealed again on April 20, 2024, in compliance with the Vice Chairman's verbal orders and handed over to the police for stringent supervision.

This operation was witnessed by Zonal Officer Pramod Tiwari, Junior Engineer R.K. Singh, and other authority staff, underscoring VDA's commitment to upholding the law and urban planning standards.



## Contractor Penalized: Non-Compliance in Seer Govardhan Project

The Varanasi Development Authority, under the directive of Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg, has taken strict action against M/s Siddiqui Construction. The contractor, engaged in development activities at Seer Govardhan, has been debarred for two years. Additionally, a financial penalty of Rs 1 lakh has been imposed due to the contractor's failure to complete the project on time.

This enforcement reflects VDA's commitment to maintaining rigorous standards in urban development projects and ensuring accountability in contractual obligations. Such measures are essential to uphold the quality and timely delivery of infrastructure developments in Varanasi.



**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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