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## Affordable housing at heart of DDA's new TOD policy

Devansh Mittal  
New Delhi, April 6

THE MINISTRY of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on Tuesday notified the new Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy for Delhi, which is expected to open up large swathes of land near Metro corridors to high density development. A key objective of the policy, according to officials, is to make smaller, more affordable housing units available in Delhi.

The new policy makes it mandatory for developers of highrises within 500-metre radius of Metro or regional transit corridors, who want to avail of the higher Floor Area Ratio (FAR), to construct affordable housing. At least 65% of the total permissible FAR will have to be used for residential units of less than 100 sq.m. of built-up area, including guest-houses or studio apartments, the policy says.

TOD is an urban planning paradigm that focuses on strategically developing urban spaces by clustering residential, business and leisure spaces within walking distance of the public transport hubs.

Under the new policy, developers are allowed a base FAR of 400. This means they can build on four times the plot area, and this can be increased to 500, or five times the plot area, by paying additional charges. But to be eligible for higher FAR, the policy mandates that at least 65% of the total built-up area must be reserved for smaller residential units. This is expected to incen-

tivise developers to build smaller, affordable units in the Capital.

A minimum of 10% must be set aside for neighbourhood commercial use and social amenities, while the remaining 25% can be used for larger homes, office spaces, or similar uses. A draft of the policy was released last November in the public domain by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to invite feedback. While DDA has released different versions of TOD policies in 2015, 2019 and 2021, and identified 12 clusters or TOD nodes, different metro and Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) stations over a decade, the construction work is yet to start at any of these locations, except one.

At DDA's East Delhi Hub in Karkardooma, the only node where work started, the initial phase is set to be completed in the middle of this year.

The TOD policy is a part of the Master Plan of Delhi-2021, and the new version was initially expected to be a part of the MPD-2041. However, as the Master Plan of Delhi-2041 awaits Centre's nod, DDA has been amending several policies, such as TOD and land pooling, separately.

A key concern raised by experts and RWAs about the policy has been the potential for haphazard development.

They had red-flagged the removal of provisions for local area planning (LAP) and ensuring infrastructure development in line with the population increase, which were present in previous TOD policies.









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## New transit-oriented infra policy to create large-scale affordable housing in city

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

In a move aimed at creating large-scale, planned affordable housing projects for lower- and middle-income groups in Delhi, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal announced a new transit-oriented development (TOD) policy for Delhi on Tuesday, following its notification by the Centre.

The policy opens up areas within 500 metres of metro lines, as well as near Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors and railway stations, for infrastructure development.

"It will reshape development along the city's expanding metro network, with a focus on affordable housing and faster project approvals," said the Minister. He added that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the nodal body for TOD development, will streamline project clearances along the metro and RRTS corridors through a single window.

A total of 207 sq km in Delhi has been identified for TOD. Of this, around 80 sq km, including areas identified for land pooling, low-density residential zones, and unauthorised



**On track:** Areas within 500 metres of metro lines, RRTS corridors and railway stations will be opened for development. FILE PHOTO

colonies that were excluded from the policy earlier, has now been brought under the TOD framework.

"This is expected to unlock space for large-scale, planned affordable housing projects along both operational and upcoming metro networks," said Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, who was present at the media briefing with the Union Minister.

N. Saravana Kumar, DDA vice-chairman, said, "The policy aims to promote compact, high-density neighbourhoods around metro and regional transit corridors, bringing housing, jobs and services closer to public transport."

Four TOD projects are

already in the works, he added. A housing project in Karkardooma offering 2 BHK flats is expected to be completed by December this year, said Mr. Kumar.

Mr. Lal said the policy is designed to align urban growth with transit-oriented infrastructure, improve accessibility and create more affordable houses, especially for those from the middle- and lower-income groups.

As per the new policy, 65% of the permissible built-up area in TOD zones must be used for housing, with unit sizes largely capped at around 100 sq m to keep them within reach. The remaining can be used for commercial activities.



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## Rejuvenation of Yamuna in city non-negotiable priority, says LG

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**New Delhi:** Lieutenant governor (LG) Taranjit Singh Sandhu and chief minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday conducted a joint inspection of Vasudev Ghat and Yamuna Bazar Ghat to review Yamuna rejuvenation and riverfront development works.

Describing the rejuvenation of the Yamuna and related challenges such as air pollution, water scarcity and flooding as "non-negotiable priorities", the LG said these issues must be addressed in a mission mode. The CM said Delhi govt made a major push for river cleaning by allocating the largest share of its 'Green Budget' to Yamuna rejuvenation.

Gupta directed officials to strengthen riverbank development, sanitation and infrastructure, with special emphasis on floodplain restoration, greenways, wetland conservation and biodiversity enhancement.

During the inspection, the LG and CM said that while Vasudev Ghat — along with restored sites such as Asita, Baansera and the Yamuna Biodiversity Park — emerged as an eco-friendly and sustainable public space attracting thousands of visitors, several other ghats remain underdeveloped.

Officials said the restored ghats are bringing Delhi residents closer to the river and fostering a sense of ownership towards the Yamuna and can serve as models to be replicated elsewhere.

LG Sandhu instructed the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to undertake rejuvenation of the entire Yamuna floodplain



LG and CM reviewed the development of ghats

stretch — from Palla to Kalindi Kunj — in a time-bound manner with specific timelines. He also directed all departments concerned, including the Irrigation and Flood Control Department (I&FCD), Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), to work in seamless coordination.

The LG and CM reviewed the development of ghats, green zones, walking trails and biodiversity areas and assessed the deployment of modern machinery for cleaning operations. Progress of greenway development, walking and cycling tracks, plantation along riverbanks, wetland restoration and conservation of natural water channels was also reviewed.

Sandhu said the inspection followed extensive public interactions over the past month. Stressing citizen-centric governance, he said the govt would collaborate with experts to adopt global best practices for rejuvenating the floodplain in a time-bound manner.

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# Learn Theatre And Art Amid Greenery

Workshop To Start At Baansera From May 2

## APRIL 24 DEADLINE TO APPLY

Delhi Development Authority to organise 'RANGBAAG' workshop in collaboration with National School of Drama



**VENUE:** Baansera

**ACTIVITIES:** Communication exercises, movement-based sessions, storytelling and improvisation

**APPLICATION:**  
Online via website ([www.dda.gov.in](http://www.dda.gov.in))  
Apply between April 7 and April 24 (till 5pm)

**SEATS:** 30 participants (first come, first served)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Age between 12 and 16 years as on May 1

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:**  
Self-attested birth certificate  
Category certificates (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/BPL), if applicable

**SELECTION:** Based on application scrutiny

**WORKSHOP DURATION:**  
May 2 to June 14

**TIMINGS:** 3pm to 7pm

**FEE STRUCTURE:**  
**Unreserved category:** ₹5,000 per participant  
**SC/ST/OBC (NCL)/EWS:** ₹1,250 per participant

**MERIT LIST:**  
To be displayed on DDA website on April 27 (by 5pm)

**PAYMENT WINDOW:**  
April 27 (5pm) to May 1 (5pm)

**FINAL SHOWCASE:**  
June 14 (participants will present their learning)

Participants can enter upon showing their payment receipt on the first day. To avail free entry, they must carry their ID cards

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**New Delhi:** Aiming to bring theatre education into public spaces and make it more accessible to children, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Wednesday launched 'Rangbaag', a creative and immersive initiative in collaboration with National School of Drama (NSD), at Baansera.

The theatre workshop will be held from May 2 to June 14, between 3pm and 7pm, and will be a paid programme. The sessions will be conducted by trained faculty from NSD.

DDA has invited applications for the first batch of 30 children aged 12-16 years. Those interested can apply between April 7 and 24, till 5pm. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to verification of eligibility. The forms are available online, and DDA and NSD reserve the right to accept or reject any application at their discretion, with their decision being final and

binding. The merit list will be displayed on the DDA website by 5pm on April 27.

"The sessions will engage young participants through a range of theatre-based activities, including communication exercises, movement-based activities, storytelling and improvisation. The exercise aims to sensitise them to their surroundings. Children will also get an opportunity to hone their skills under the guidance of expert artists. If they find the workshop interesting, they can pursue a future in it too," said a DDA official.

For the unreserved category, the fee is Rs 5,000 per participant and for SC/ST/OBC/EWS, it is Rs 1,250.

"Participants will not be required to pay the entry fee at Baansera Park on the first day upon showing their payment receipt. For subsequent days, they must carry and present their ID cards, which will be issued on the first day, to avail free entry. However, participants are required to attend sessions regularly. Repeated

absence without prior intimation may result in the seat being offered to another participant," the official said.

He also advised that children and parents should come prepared for the heat. "The workshop will take place in an open park environment and may involve light physical and creative activities. While DDA and NSD will take all reasonable measures to ensure a safe and supervised environment, they shall not be responsible for any health issues arising due to heat-related conditions," the official said.

The programme will culminate in a final performance on June 14, where participants will showcase their learning.

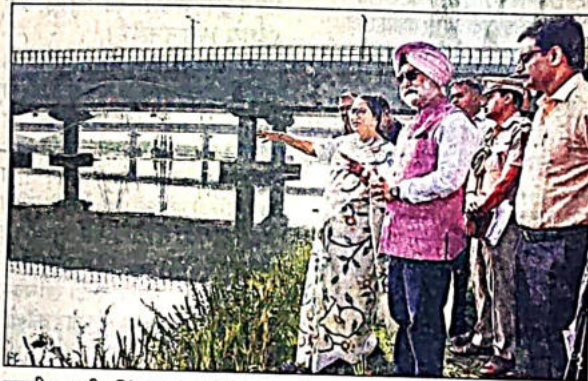
The workshop was first proposed in Oct 2025, when NSD presented Nanha Scientist, which celebrated the curiosity and imagination of young minds. Subsequently, in Feb this year, DDA signed a memorandum of understanding with NSD to implement the initiative during the Green Expo 2026 at Baansera.

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एलजी तरनजीत सिंह व मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने यमुना तट का निरीक्षण किया। • हिन्दुस्तान

## यमुना की सफाई कार्य को तेज करें: उप राज्यपाल

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। दिल्ली के उप-राज्यपाल तरनजीत सिंह संघु और मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने बुधवार को यमुना के वासुदेव घाट और यमुना बाजार घाट का निरीक्षण किया।

इस दौरान यमुना तटों के समग्र विकास, स्वच्छता व्यवस्था और आधारभूत ढांचे को मजबूत करने के निर्देश अधिकारियों को दिए गए। उप-राज्यपाल ने कहा कि यमुना का पुनर्जीवन, वायु प्रदूषण, जल संकट और बाढ़ जैसी समस्याओं का समाधान सरकार की प्राथमिकता है।

उप-राज्यपाल और मुख्यमंत्री ने सबसे पहले कश्मीरी गेट के पास स्थित वासुदेव घाट का निरीक्षण किया। इसके बाद हनुमान मंदिर के सामने स्थित यमुना बाजार घाट का निरीक्षण किया गया। इस दौरान घाटों की स्वच्छता, आधारभूत ढांचे के विकास और यमुना के पुनर्जीवन से जुड़े कार्यों की विस्तृत समीक्षा की गई।

### विकसित हो रहे रिवरफ्रंट के कार्य की प्रगति देखी

यमुना रिवरफ्रंट के विकास कार्य की प्रगति और ग्रीष्मकालीन व मानसून के समय की चुनौतियों के विभागों की तैयारियों का भी जायजा लिया गया। निरीक्षण के दौरान डीडीए द्वारा विकसित वासुदेव घाट और यमुना बाजार के बीच के अंतर को स्पष्ट तौर पर रेखांकित किया गया।

### जन संवाद से निकला समाधान का रास्ता

उप-राज्यपाल ने कहा कि यह निरीक्षण पिछले एक महीने के दौरान नागरिकों के साथ हुए संवाद का परिणाम है। दिल्लीवासियों ने यमुना प्रदूषण, वायु प्रदूषण, मानसून में बाढ़ और गर्मियों में जल संकट जैसे मुद्दों को प्रमुखता से उठाया था। इसी को ध्यान में रखकर कदम उठा रहे हैं।

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# Yamuna floodplains set to be rejuvenated

DDA to revamp riverbanks from Palla to Kalindi Kunj; biodiversity zones, walking trails to be created; revitalising the river a 'non-negotiable': L-G

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

**T**he Yamuna floodplains in Delhi, from Palla to Kalindi Kunj, will be rejuvenated through comprehensive efforts, including the creation of green spaces, walking trails, and biodiversity zones, Lieutenant-Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu said on Wednesday.

During an inspection of ongoing redevelopment works at Vasudev Ghat, accompanied by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Mr. Sandhu said the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) will carry out the rejuvenation work on the entire stretch, replicating its efforts at Vasudev Ghat and at Asita Biodiversity Park and Baansera Park.

The L-G added that curbing pollution in the Yamuna and rejuvenating it are among the city's "non-negotiable priorities", along with tackling air pollution, flooding, and water shortage. These must be addressed in "mission mode", he said.

**'Grand public assets'**  
Addressing mediapersons, the Chief Minister said, "Yamuna riverbanks will be developed into permanent and grand public assets to prevent recurring expenditure on creating temporary ghats."

Officials at the site presented an overview of the floodplain restoration projects and phased develop-



CM Rekha Gupta and L-G Taranjit Singh Sandhu inspecting ongoing works at Vasudev Ghat on Wednesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

ment work from Wazirabad to Okhla.

**Time-bound execution**  
Mr. Sandhu instructed the DDA to undertake the rejuvenation of the floodplains in a time-bound manner with specific timelines and submit a presentation outlining the plan.

During the inspection, Mr. Sandhu and Ms. Gupta also reviewed several anti-pollution measures, including advanced machinery deployed to clean the Yamuna, and the progress of greenway development, walking and cycling tracks, plantation along the riverbanks, wetland restoration, and conservation of natural water channels.

"These restored ghats, which are bringing the people of Delhi closer to the river and fostering a sense of ownership and belonging towards the Yamuna, can serve as models to be replicated at other loca-

tions," he said. To mitigate pollution in the Yamuna, the L-G said the government must actively engage with national and international experts to incorporate global best practices and innovative solutions.

Ms. Gupta said, "The Delhi government has been committed to the cleanliness and rejuvenation of the Yamuna since day one and continues to make sustained efforts in this direction."

**Three-pronged strategy**  
The Chief Minister asked officials to immediately remove encroachments from floodplains to enhance the river's water-holding capacity.

She also directed the implementation of a three-pronged strategy focused on desilting, ensuring smooth water flow, and providing permanent solutions for areas prone to waterlogging.

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**घाटों की स्वच्छता व्यवस्था, आधारभूत ढांचे के विकास तथा यमुना पुनर्जीवन से जुड़े चल रहे कार्यों की समीक्षा**

# एलजी-सीएम ने यमुना घाटों का किया निरीक्षण

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी) - दिल्ली की उपराज्यपाल सरदार तरनजीत सिंह और मुख्यमंत्री रेखा गुप्ता ने बुधवार आर्टिफिशियल इन्सुलेशन प्रोजेक्ट के स्थल पर निरीक्षण किया। इस दौरान घाटों की स्वच्छता व्यवस्था, आधारभूत ढांचे के विकास तथा यमुना पुनर्जीवन से जुड़े चल रहे कार्यों की समीक्षा की गई और संचालन



**यमुना का पुनर्जीवन तथा वायु प्रदूषण, जल संकट और वाद क्षेत्रीय समस्याओं का समाधान पटवर्दी प्राथमिकताएं- एलजी**

अधिकारियों को आवश्यक निर्देश दिए गए। इस दौर का मुख्य उद्देश्य यमुना निगरान्ट विकास को प्रगति की समीक्षा करना और आगामी मानसून से निगरान्ट-प्रदूषण को रोकना और विकास को तेजगती से आगे बढ़ाना है। उन्होंने मुख्यमंत्री को निरीक्षण करने के बाद उपराज्यपाल और मुख्यमंत्री ने वायु प्रदूषण, जल संकट और वाद क्षेत्रीय समस्याओं का समाधान पटवर्दी प्राथमिकताएं- एलजी

और हरित मार्ग जैविक स्थलों के रूप में उत्पन्न रहे हैं। वहीं, कई अन्य घाटों को भी दीर्घकालीन विकास के सहयोग से इसी प्रकार विकसित किए जाने की आवश्यकता है। निरीक्षण के दौरान उपराज्यपाल और मुख्यमंत्री ने यमुना के किनारे विकसित किए जा रहे घाटों, हरित क्षेत्रों, वीकिंग ट्रेय्स, जैव-विकल्पना क्षेत्रों तथा स्फॉर्ट कार्यों में सभी प्राथमिक मशीनरी का अवलोकन किया। उन्होंने नदी तटी पर किए जा रहे ग्रीनविकास, कच्चे बर्तक एवं

**युनियार्दी ढांचे और पारिस्थितिकी पर जोर**  
निरीक्षण के दौरान माननीय एलजी और मुख्यमंत्री ने वजिराबाद से आरंभ तक चल रहे फलहारेन रेटोरेशन के कार्यों का अवलोकन किया। अधिकारियों को निर्देशित किया गया कि यमुना तटी पर ग्रीनवे विकास, वेतलैडस संरक्षण और जैव-विविधता पार्कों के निर्माण में तेजी लाई जाए, नदी के किनारे कच्चे बर्तक और साइबिलग ट्रेय्स को इस तरह विकसित किया जाए कि नदी का प्राकृतिक स्वरूप सुरक्षित रहे, साथ ही घाटों को अलग-अलग टुकड़ों के बजाय एक कंटी-युअस स्ट्रेच के रूप में जोड़कर विकसित किया जाए।

साइबिलग ट्रेक, नदी किनारे पोथोपण, जलपाताओं के संरक्षण जैसे कार्यों को वेतलैडस के पुनर्स्थापन और प्रभुतिक प्रगति को भी समीक्षा की।

## जन-संवाद से निकला समाधान का मार्ग

उपराज्यपाल सरदार तरनजीत सिंह संघु ने बताया कि यह निरीक्षण पिछले एक महीने के दौरान नागरिकों के साथ हुए 'आवक संवाद' का परिणाम है। दिल्लीवासियों ने यमुना प्रदूषण, वायु प्रदूषण, मौसम में बाढ़ और गर्मियों में जल संकट जैसे मुद्दों को प्रमुखता से उठाया था। उपराज्यपाल ने कहा कि हमारा शासन जन-केंद्रित है। नागरिकों के फीडबैक के आधार पर ही हम पल्ला से कालिंदी कुज तक के संपूर्ण बाढ़ क्षेत्र के समयबद्ध पुनर्जीवन की दिशा में बढ़ रहे हैं। निरीक्षण के बाद उपराज्यपाल और मुख्यमंत्री ने सिवाई एव बाढ़ नियंत्रण विभाग, दिल्ली जल बोर्ड, डीपीसीसी और एमसीडी सहित सभी संबंधित विभागों को समन्वित रूप से कार्य करने के निर्देश दिए। साथ ही सभी विभागों को एक विस्तृत प्रस्तुति तैयार करने को कहा गया है, जिसमें स्पष्ट लक्ष्य और उनके कार्यान्वयन की समय-सीमा तय होगी। उपराज्यपाल द्वारा यमुना और वायु प्रदूषण के समाधान को 'समझौता न करने वाली प्राथमिकता' बताया हुए इसे मिशन मोड में चलाने का आदेश दिया गया।

## यमुना स्वच्छता: सरकार की सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता बाढ़ क्षेत्र से अतिक्रमण हटाने के निर्देश

मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि दिल्ली सरकार पहले दिन से ही मां यमुना की स्वच्छता और पुनर्जीवन के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है और इस दिशा में निरंतर प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। उन्होंने स्पष्ट किया कि सरकार का संकल्प एक स्वच्छ, सुंदर और हरित दिल्ली का निर्माण करना है, जिसमें यमुना नदी की पुनर्स्थापना एक प्रमुख प्राथमिकता है। मुख्यमंत्री ने वर्ष 2026-27 के बजट का उल्लेख करते हुए बताया कि दिल्ली सरकार का 22,236 करोड़ का रुपये 'ग्रीन बजट' कुल बजट का लगभग 21.44 प्रतिशत है, जो प्रत्यक्ष रूप से पर्यावरणीय योजनाओं, विशेषकर यमुना सफाई से संबंधित पहलों के लिए निर्धारित किया गया है। मां यमुना की स्वच्छता केवल एक परियोजना नहीं, बल्कि सरकार का दृढ़ संकल्प है। इसी उद्देश्य से दिल्ली जल बोर्ड को ग्रीन बजट का सबसे बड़ा हिस्सा आवंटित किया गया है, ताकि सीवेंज ट्रीटमेंट और डी-सिल्टिंग से संबंधित कार्यों में किसी प्रकार की विलंबी बाधा उत्पन्न न हो।

मुख्यमंत्री ने संबंधित विभागों के अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिए कि नदी की बॉटर हील्डिंग क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए बाढ़ क्षेत्र से अतिक्रमण को तत्काल हटाया जाए। इसके साथ ही, तीन-स्तरीय एजेंडा के अंतर्गत डी-सिल्टिंग, जल प्रवाह को सुचारु बनाना तथा जलभराव वाले हॉटस्पॉट्स का स्थायी समाधान सुनिश्चित करने के भी निर्देश दिए गए। इसके अतिरिक्त, प्रत्येक वर्ष अस्थायी घाटों पर व्यव करने के स्थान पर यमुना तटी को स्थायी एवं भव्य सार्वजनिक परिसरों के रूप में विकसित किए जाने पर भी विशेष बल दिया गया। मुख्यमंत्री ने यह भी स्पष्ट किया कि यमुना का पुनर्जीवन एक दीर्घकालिक एवं सतत प्रक्रिया है, जिसके लिए निरंतर प्रयास, जनसहभागिता तथा प्रभावी प्रबंधन आवश्यक है।

**वैश्विक विशेषज्ञता और केंद्र का सहयोग...** उपराज्यपाल ने उल्लेख किया कि यमुना पुनर्जीवन अब प्रधानमंत्री और गृहमंत्री की सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकताओं में शामिल है। सरकार अब इन परियोजनाओं में राष्ट्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय विशेषज्ञों के साथ सक्रिय सहयोग करेगी ताकि वैश्विक स्तर के नवाचारों और सफल मॉडलों को दिल्ली में लागू किया जा सके।