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## HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA AND LT. GOVERNOR DELHI LEAD PLANTATION DRIVE AT DDA ASITA PARK



Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar leads the plantation drive at DDA's Asita Park, under the ambitious 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign.

11,000 trees planted across the Capital at different locations / DDA Parks on a single day.

Delhi LG and NGT Chairperson also planted saplings in their mothers' name on the occasion.

Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar on 27.07.2024 led a massive plantation drive in the National Capital as part of the ambitious "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" campaign that aims at increasing the green cover and enriching the ecology. Shri Dhankhar planted a sapling in the honour of his mother Smt. Kesari Devi at the Asita, an ecological park developed by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on the eastern floodplains of Yamuna opposite ITO in New Delhi. He planted a sapling of *Tabebuia Rosea* (commonly known as rosy trumpet tree), a flowering tree species, along the greenway of Asita. Dr. Sudesh Dhankhar, wife of the Vice President, also planted a sapling in the honour of her mother, Smt. Bhagvati Devi at Asita.







Delhi's Lieutenant Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena and Chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), Justice Shri Prakash Shrivastava also planted saplings in the honour of their mothers Smt. Vedwati Saxena and Smt. Kamla Srivastava, respectively, at the venue. The saplings planted at Asita included Jamun, Gular, Tabebuia, Arjun, Shisham, Guava, LARGESTROEMIA and Jacaranda.

Simultaneously, a total of 11,000 trees were planted in various parks and green belts of Delhi by the DDA by students, RWAs, common Delhi residents and officials.

Shri Dhankhar interacted with over 250 school children, who had assembled at Asita for the plantation drive, and administered them a pledge that they would also urge their family members to plant trees for a greener and sustainable Delhi. The school children too planted saplings at Asita Park with great enthusiasm.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Dhankhar appealed for making the "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" campaign a huge success and said tree plantation was the easiest, yet the

most effective way of protecting our environment. The Vice-President said that he as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, has also urged every Member of Parliament to plant at least 200 trees, as their contribution to protect the nature.

Notably, on the World Environment Day this year, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign, with an aim to increase the green cover and protect the environment.

The Vice-President, who also went for bird-watching and took a ride of the Asita Park along its wetlands and the grasslands, appreciated the DDA for painstakingly and scientifically restoring this stretch of the Yamuna floodplain into a bio-diversity park, which was just two years ago, lying as a polluted and degraded land under heavy encroachment. During the nature walk, Shri Dhankhar was explained at length the scientific process of ecological succession used by DDA for restoration of Yamuna Flood Plains at Asita and several other locations in Delhi.





Senior officers of Delhi Government and DDA, including Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar and DDA Vice Chairman Subhasish Panda also participated in the plantation drive at Asita, planting trees in their mothers' name.

It may be noted that Asita has been developed as a bio-diversity park over 225 acres of land on the Yamuna Floodplains, which was, till May 2022, under massive encroachment by squatters and stray cattle that were polluting Yamuna severely. Following the Delhi High Court's order to remove encroachment from the Yamuna flood plains, DDA, under the guidance of LG, VK Saxena, initiated a massive drive to clean this degraded land while restoring and rejuvenating River Yamuna and its flood plains. By November 2022, this area was transformed into one of the biggest breathable, public green spaces in entire East Delhi.



The area along the edge of the river has been developed as an 'Ecological Zone'. The restored floodplains have kachha trails for people to walk through the floodplain forest and grasslands. The floodplain forest & grassland have been created with plantation of nearly 34 lakh riverine grasses of about 12-15 species and another 6000 native trees. A water body measuring 6 acres has been created, which augments around 60 million litres of water and along with the surrounding marshy area, has led to the revival of the riverine ecosystem's integrity and biodiversity of the flood plains. These interventions helped the area attract a large variety of birds. Till now, nearly 180 species of resident and migratory birds have been spotted in different habitats created in the form of wetlands, grasslands and floodplain forests.



## DDA CONDUCTS PLANTATION DRIVES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS UNDER 'EK PED MAA KE NAAM' CAMPAIGN

The Delhi Development Authority conducted a series of plantation drives across Delhi under its campaign, 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'. The initiative, aimed at enhancing Delhi's green cover, witnessed overwhelming participation from residents, RWAs, school children, and visitors.

Hundreds of saplings were planted across various parks, transforming urban landscapes into lush green spaces. The campaign underscores DDA's commitment to environmental sustainability and improving the city's overall ecological balance. The 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign has not only contributed to a greener Delhi but has also fostered a strong sense of community involvement. The enthusiastic participation of residents, especially school children, reflects a growing awareness of environmental conservation. DDA remains dedicated to undertaking such initiatives to create a healthier and more sustainable Delhi for future generations.



Karnel Wala Bagh, Shalimar Bagh





Baansera Bamboo Park



Kalindi Aviral





Dwarka Sector-8 Sports Complex



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C737, Block C, Vikaspuri, New Delhi, Delhi, 110018, India  
Lat 28.634079°



New Delhi, Delhi, India  
C696, Block C, Vikaspuri, New Delhi, Delhi, 110018, India  
Lat 28.633756°  
Long 77.072218°  
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Sports Field, Park C Block, Vikaspuri





Distt. Park Avantika, Sector-01, Rohini



Master Plan Green Area, Sector-30 Rohini



## DDA ORGANIZES A NATURE WALK WITH EXPERTS AT SANJAY VAN

A session 'Wonders of the Ridge Forest' was organized under the guidance of Dr. Surya Prakash, professor emeritus of JNU at DDA's Sanjay Van, where he talked about a diverse range of species from reptiles, to insects, plants, birds & mammals. Dr. Prakash explained behaviours of insects like butterflies & snakes & discussed evolution & ecology. The explorers found ways to support species as they learned about hazards of inappropriate feeding practices on wildlife, invasive species, poaching & illegal pet trade. The expert also emphasized on how nature can inspire us to be better humans. To add to that, the sweet calls of the Hariyal & sightings of Jacobin's Cuckoos made this a rather memorable walk.





## LIST OF OFFICERS AND STAFFS RETIRED IN JULY 2024

S. No.	Name/Father's/Husband's Name S/Shri/Smt.	Designation	Place of Posting	Date of Appointment	Date of Retirement
1.	Narender Kumar S/o Sh. Trilok Chand	SE(Civil) UID No.2038006	QAC Vikas Sadan	07.05.1986	31.07.2024
2.	Akram Rafique S/o Sh.Rafique Ahmed	EE(Civil) UID No.7801301	PC/Hort./HCD-3	27.11.1986	31.07.2024
3.	Smt. Usha Arora W/o Sh. Joginder Kumar Arora	PS UID No.0605198	Commr. (Plg.)-1 Vikas Minar	06.05.1987	31.07.2024
4.	Smt. Usha Rani Nandwani W/o Sh. Harish Kumar Nandwani	PS UID No.8109048	CE(SEZ) (Shahpurjat)	04.05.1987	31.07.2024
5.	Sh. Dinesh Chand S/o Sh. Gatti Ram	PS UID No.0402288	Sr.Arch.(Sports)	06.03.1984	31.07.2024
6.	Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Balbir Singh	A.D.(Min.) UID No.0710252	Building Section	05.05.1984	31.07.2024
7.	Om Parkash S/o Sh. Tej Ram (Vol.Ret.15.07.2024)F/N)	Tehsildar UID No.0405174	LM/NZ	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
8.	Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Diwan Singh	Naib-Tehsildar UID No.0404111	LM/Rohini	19.09.1989	31.07.2024
9.	Ashok Kumar Goyal S/o Sh. Sat Narayan	D/Man(Civil) UID No.1001020	RMD-8	29.05.1985	31.07.2024
10.	Hukam Singh S/o Sh. Nathu Singh	D/Man(Civil) UID No.5303001	Elect.Cir.-2	18.12.1989	31.07.2024
11.	Satish Kumar Rana S/o Sh. K.D.Rana	OCM(W/C)R UID No.1006194	Hort.Dwarka	06.03.1984	31.07.2024
12.	Rajender Prasad S/o Sh. Ram Chander	OCM(W/C)R UID No.4214008	HCD-3	06.01.1983	31.07.2024
13.	Raj Pal S/o Sh. Likhi Chand	HSG(R) UID No.0327090	Security Cell Vikas Minar	06.03.1984	31.07.2024
14.	Bijender Pal Singh S/o Late Sh. Ganga Sahey	SCD UID No.0409355	CVO	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
15.	Harish Chander S/o Sh. Kedar Dutt	P.O.(R) UID No.1016022	ELD-9	08.04.1983	31.07.2024

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16.	Karan Pal Singh S/o Sh. Sukhan Singh	Green Supervisor (W/C)R	Hort.-9	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
17.	Ram Chander S/o Sh. Nathu Lal	Green Supervisor (W/C)R	Hort.-5	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
18.	Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Bal Ram	Mali(W/C)R UID No.4601291	Hort.-1	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
19.	Jai Prakash S/o Sh. Kanshi Ram	Mali(W/C)R UID No.8045117	Hort.-8	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
20.	Sheesh Pal Singh S/o Sh. Sher Singh	Mali(W/C)R UID No.2809354	Hort.-9	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
21.	Shri Ram S/o Sh. Ram Prashad	Mali(W/C)R UID No.2808056	Hort.-9	06.03.1984	31.07.2024
22.	Bishan Singh S/o Late Sh. Sahib Ram	S/G(W/C)R UID No.0329069	DMD-2	19.09.1989	31.07.2024
23.	Khushi Ram S/o Sh. Rati Ram	S/G(W/C)R UID No.1028011	RMD-1	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
24.	Brahmjeet Singh S/o Sh. Chhidda Singh	S/G(W/C)R UID No.1912011	Saket Sports Complex	03.01.1985	31.07.2024
25.	Smt. Sushil Kumari W/o Late Sh. Anil Sharma	Beldar(W/C)R UID No.8201071	DPD-2	19.09.1989	31.07.2024
26.	Ranjeet S/o Ram Kala	Beldar(W/C)R UID No.2802046	NMD-4	19.09.1989	31.07.2024





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