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## DDA to make case for keeping 10-12 deer at Hauz Khas park

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**New Delhi:** Deer Park in Hauz Khas may not entirely lose its identity. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is planning to approach Central Zoo Authority (CZA) for retaining 10-12 deer, considering people's sentiment, said sources.

A DDA official said CZA had earlier revoked the "mini zoo" status of AN Jha Deer Park in south Delhi and mandated translocation of the animals due to their rapidly increasing numbers and inadequate staffing.

"While we pursued CZA for shifting the deer earlier, they asked for closure as the animals' numbers were growing rapidly and the space was limited. However, local people are against the move, and keeping their sentiment in mind, we would move CZA again to allow us to keep 10-12 deer. The excess numbers will, however, be shifted to other places as suggested in the order issued by CZA on June 8," said the official.

Started with six deer in the 1960s, the park under DDA now has around 600 animals and has, over the years, become a popular destination for picnics and leisure activities. "Howe-

ver, rapid growth of animal population, inbreeding, no master plan, possibility of spread of disease and lack of trained maintenance manpower have become major issues for us. It was becoming difficult to maintain the place with untrained staff," claimed the official.

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According to the June 8 order, the animals are to be released in natural habitats of Rajasthan and Delhi in the ratio of 70:30.

On Friday, holding placards reading "help save the deer", "increase their enclosure space", "be dear to deer" and "don't feed deer to leopards", a few locals stood outside the park to protest against the cancellation of its mini-zoo status. The protest was organised by Fridays For Future India and Delhi Trees SoS to demand better management solutions and preservation of the recreational spot.

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## अधिसूचना से पहले प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय भी भेजा जाएगा मास्टर प्लान-2041

संजीव गुप्ता • नई दिल्ली

मास्टर प्लान (एमपीडी)-2041 को अधिसूचना में अभी कुछ समय और लग सकता है, क्योंकि अगले 20 वर्ष के विकास को रूपरेखा में कहीं कोई कमी न रह जाए इसके लिए केंद्रीय आवास व शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के स्तर पर भी इसका गहनता से विश्लेषण किया जा रहा है। किस्सी भी तरह को उलटान को लेकर डीडीए के अधिकारियों को भी अक्सर मंत्रालय में बुलाया जा रहा है। सूत्र बताते हैं कि अधिसूचना से पहले एक बार यह मास्टर प्लान प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय भी भेजा जाएगा। बतौर डीडीए अध्यक्ष एनजी वॉके सक्सेना ने मार्च 2023 की शुरुआत में ही

- यमुना में आई बाढ़ के बाद केंद्रीय आवास एव शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में चल रहा बैठकों का दौर
- सवालों के कठघरे में आए इस प्लान के हर अध्याय का किया जा रहा है गंभीरता से अध्ययन
- बतौर डीडीए अध्यक्ष एलजी ने मार्च 2023 की शुरुआत में ही इसके ड्राफ्ट को मंजूरी दे दी थी

इसके ड्राफ्ट को मंजूरी दे दी थी। इसके बाद अप्रैल के मध्य में इसे अधिसूचना के लिए केंद्रीय आवास एवं शहरी विकास मंत्रालय को भेजा गया था। तभी से इसकी अधिसूचना का इंतजार है। डीडीए के



अधिकारियों का कहना है कि उनके स्तर पर कुछ लंबित नहीं है। इस संबंध में जो करना है, अब मंत्रालय को ही करना है। दूसरी ओर मंत्रालय के सूत्र बताते हैं कि अधिसूचित करने से पहले 10

अध्यायों और दो खंडों में विभाजित एमपीडी-2041 का गंभीरता से अध्ययन किया जा रहा है। बैठकों का दौर चल रहा है। यमुना में आई बाढ़ के बाद सवालों के घेरे में आए इस प्लान के विभिन्न

पहलुओं पर विचार-विमर्श का दौरा और बढ़ा हो गया है। दिल्ली के ड्रेनेज सिस्टम, यमुना खादर के ओ जॉन-टो में नियमित विकास और इसके ड्रव क्षेत्र में अतिक्रमण से जुड़े हर पहलु एवं प्रविधान का खासतौर पर अध्ययन किया जा रहा है। मालूम हो कि जागरण ने भी इस संदर्भ में एक के बाद एक कई खबरें प्रकाशित कर चेताने का प्रयास किया है।

सूत्रों के मुताबिक मंत्रालय के स्तर पर एमपीडी-2041 को हरी झंडी देने के बाद केंद्रीय गृहमंत्री अमित शाह, वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण, आवास एवं शहरी विकास मंत्री हरदीप पुरी सहित कई अन्य मंत्रियों के समूह से भी इस पर चर्चाओं सी जाएगी। फिर

अंतिम स्वीकृति लेने के लिए इसे पीएमओ भेजा जाएगा। बताया जाता है कि राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र से जुड़े अहम मुद्दों पर पीएमओ लगातार मंजान ले रहा है।

बता दें कि मास्टर प्लान 2041 में पर्यावरण अनुकूल विकास, लैंड यूजिंग, विरासत संरक्षण यमुना कायाकल्प जैसे आपिनव हस्तक्षेपों पर जोर दिया गया है। दिल्ली के भावी विकास को निर्देशित करने के लिए एक रणनीतिक और सक्षम गाइडलाइंस हैं, जो पिछली योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन से सीखें गए सबक पर आधारित है। साथ ही विभिन्न परियोजनाओं व योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन को लेकर देशभर से भी सांख्ये की कोरिज को गई है। डीडीए अधिकारियों ने कहा कि इस

प्लान का दृष्टिकोण "एक स्थायी, रहने योग्य और जीवंत दिल्ली को बढ़ावा देना" है।

उल्लेखनीय है कि दिल्ली के मास्टर प्लान-2041 के ड्राफ्ट को पहली बार 13 अप्रैल, 2021 को डीडीए बोर्ड द्वारा अनुमोदित किया गया था। फिर उसी वर्ष जून में वेबसाइट पर जनता के सुझावों और आपिनवों को आमंत्रित करते हुए उपलब्ध कराया गया था। अक्टूबर 2021 में डीडीए ने बताया कि उसे तय समयवधि में लगभग 33,000 आपिनवों और सुझाव मिले थे। एलजी की अध्यक्षता वाली डीडीए की सलाहकार परिषद ने इसी वर्ष अप्रैल में आपिनवों और सुझावों को शामिल करते हुए प्रसौद को समीक्षा की थी।

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### एमसीडी को मिली जमीन

■ प्रस, नई दिल्ली : ओखला सॉलिड वेस्ट प्लांट के पास नई दिल्ली म्यूनिसिपल काउंसिल ( एनडीएमसी ) को जो 20 एकड़ जमीन डीडीए ने अलॉट की थी, उसमें से एमसीडी ने 5 एकड़ जमीन की मांग की है। इस पांच एकड़ जमीन में एनडीएमसी ने स्टाफ क्वार्टर, ऑटो वर्कशॉप, टुक गैराज और बिजली सब-स्टेशन बनाया है। गुरुवार को काउंसिल मीटिंग में जमीन एमसीडी को ट्रांसफर करने की मंजूरी भी दे दी गई।

### AAP AGAIN RAISES LAW-AND-ORDER, SAYS MAKE POLICE 'A LITTLE ACTIVE'

**NEW DELHI:** Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said that law and order in the Capital has become a serious issue, and requested the lieutenant governor and Union home minister Amit Shah make the police "active".

Kejriwal's statement came after a former student of Delhi University's Kamala Nehru College was bludgeoned to death in a park in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar by a man. "Another daughter was brutally murdered in Delhi... it is very sad. Law and order have become a serious issue in Delhi. It is a request to the LG and the Home Minister to make the police a little active. The safety of Delhi's daughters and people is very important," Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

Meanwhile, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Somnath Bharti said the murder has shaken the city. "It is sad that the incident took place just 100-150 meters away from Malviya Nagar police station. Security guards posted in the DDA park, 10 meters away from the spot, were also present. The incident shows that the morale of criminals is on the seventh sky," Bharti said in a press conference.

HT reached out to the LG and the Bharatiya Janata Party but neither responded to queries seeking comments.

# A busy park with guards, a b'day party, and murder

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**NEW DELHI:** In the busy Malviya Nagar area of south Delhi, surrounded by residential colonies, commercial establishments, shops, offices, and a college, the 46-acre Vijay Mandal Park, Begumpur, is generally bustling with a large crowd at lunchtime.

Managed by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the park has 13 guards who work in three shifts along with a supervisor — all of whom are ex-servicemen. The large park has three entry gates, each manned by a guard, while a fourth guard is usually patrolling inside. The Malviya Nagar police station is just about 100 metres from the park. The park has three main entrances from the sides of Sarvodaya Enclave, Begumpur Village, and Aurobindo College, and four smaller pedestrian gates.

When the 22-year-old woman, Nargis, was killed on Friday afternoon, the park was full of visitors, according to the guards.

The one guard patrolling inside was not near the incident spot. The incident was first reported by the DDA supervisor, Harinder, who was sitting in the room at the entry gate when a middle-aged woman alerted him about something happening inside. "I rushed inside the park along with the guard. When we reached the bench that the woman had pointed to, we saw the body with a large wound on the head and a lot of blood around it. Her phone and purse were lying next to the body on the bench along with the iron rod. I had expected a minor fight and thought someone was injured. We rushed to the spot with the intent to save her but were shocked to see her in a pool of blood. There was so much blood that we were not sure if she was even alive," said Harinder, the park supervisor.

He said there was a group of 20 college students celebrating a birthday nearby. He asked them if they saw anything but they had not. The supervisor also said that he had not seen anyone around the body or flee-



The park where Nargis was murdered in Malviya Nagar on Friday.  
VIPIN KUMAR/HT PHOTO

## Violence against women

Delhi has seen a number of crimes directed towards women by their partner

### JANUARY 2

Man stabs 21-year-old woman in broad daylight at Adarsh Nagar for ending their relationship

### JANUARY 10

Man kills his girlfriend at a hotel in Bawana before dying by suicide after she talks to another man

### MAY 28

16-year-old girl stabbed over 16 times, then bludgeoned to death by a 20-year-old man at Shahbad Dairy for ending their relationship

### JUNE 3

26-year-old woman strangled to death by her lover at their Narela home after she refuses to marry him

### JULY 27

23-year-old man kills 42-year-old woman in Dabri Extn, shoots self after her husband disapproves of their relationship

ing from the spot.

"I called the local police who reached within five minutes. When I called the police, they asked me to also call 112 for the local PCR which I did," said Harinder.

"Between 12.08pm and 12.09pm, the police received two calls, one from a security personnel and another from a passerby. We reached the spot in five minutes as it was 100m away from the station, where we found the woman's body lying in a pool of blood," said a local policeman, requesting anonymity.

According to residents, the park is a busy community area, frequented by residents of Shiv-alik and Navjeevan Apartments, MMT Colony, and Adhchini, along with students from Delhi University's Aurobindo College.

"This is a large park but

unlike the nearby Panchsheel Park, it is not secluded. The police station is also nearby, so there are hardly any security concerns usually. People like to visit often and it is usually crowded with college students and residents. This was a crime of personal rage," said Neeraj Chopra, general secretary of Sutr Residents' Welfare Association, Malviya Nagar.

Locals said that Friday's incident may not have an eyewitness who saw the actual crime, despite the park being crowded at the time of the incident.

"I was at my tea stall outside the park, serving customers. All of a sudden, there was a commotion and I started asking people about what happened. They said a girl has gotten murdered," said Manish, a tea seller outside the park.

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## Expedite work on restoration of Qila Rai Pithora: L-G

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DELHI LIEUTENANT Governor VK Saxena visited the Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van Saturday to take stock of restoration work.

The work related to the restoration of both sites, being undertaken by the Delhi Development Authority with co-operation from the Archaeological Survey of India, began following his visit last year.

Restoration work related to the Tomb of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Balban, Metcalfe's Lodge (Dil Khusha - Mohammad Quli Khan's Tomb), the Jamali-Kamali Mosque and Rajaon ki Baoli is underway. An eco-friendly restaurant is expected to come up in the vicinity of the Metcalfe Lodge.

Saxena also visited Qila Rai Pithora where he expressed grave disappointment at its "decrepit state due to neglect by the author-



During the visit by the L-G

ities".

He instructed the DDA and ASI to immediately take up work for the restoration of the historical monument and asked for cleaning operations to be started and restoration designs to be submitted to him within the coming week.

During his visit to Sanjay Van, the L-G also oversaw the ongoing restoration of the 11th Century Anang Tal Baoli, which had started in July last year.

## LG ने आर्कियोलॉजिकल पार्क और संजय वन का दौरा किया यहां चल रहे ब्यूटीफिकेशन के कामों का जायज़ा लिया

विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

आर्कियोलॉजिकल सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया (ASI) और डीडीए महरीली स्थित आर्कियोलॉजिकल पार्क और संजय वन के ब्यूटीफिकेशन का काम कर रहे हैं। एलजी वी.के. सक्सेना ने पदभार संभालने के बाद साउथ दिल्ली की इन दोनों जगहों के ब्यूटीफिकेशन का काम शुरू करवाया था। शनिवार को एलजी ने एक बार फिर यहां का दौरा कर अब तक किए गए काम की समीक्षा की। यह एलजी का चौथा दौरा था। उन्होंने सुल्तान गयासुद्दीन बलबन का मकबरा, मेटकॉफ लॉज, जमाली-कमाली मस्जिद और राजाओं की बावली में चल रहे काम को देखा। फरवरी में उन्होंने दो बार और जून में एक बार दौरा किया था।

अधिकारियों ने एलजी को बताया कि फरवरी में काम शुरू होने से पहले राजाओं की बावली में मेहराबों तक गाद और कचरा भरा हुआ था। उसे निकालकर और बावली को साफ करके रिकॉर्ड टाइम में इसे फिर से एक जिंदा तालाब



महरीली के आर्कियोलॉजिकल पार्क में एलजी का यह चौथा दौरा था

के रूप में बहाल किया गया है। इसी तरह मेटकॉफ लॉज स्थित दिल खुशा को बहाल करने का काम भी जल्द पूरा होने वाला है, जिसके बाद अगस्त के अंत तक उसके आस-पास एक रेस्टोरेंट शुरू किया जाएगा, जिससे इस ऐतिहासिक जगह को फिर से दिल्ली के लोगों के बीच आकर्षण का केंद्र बनाया जा सके।

इसके अलावा एलजी ने पहली बार यहां स्थित पृथ्वीराज चौहान के किला

राय पिथौरा का भी दौरा किया और इसकी जंजर हालत देखकर निराश हुए थे। उन्होंने डीडीए और एएसआई को इस स्मारक के जीर्णोद्धार के लिए भी तुरंत काम शुरू करने का निर्देश दिया था। आने वाले सप्ताह में यहां सफाई अभियान भी शुरू किया जाएगा। संजय वन में एलजी ने 11वीं शताब्दी की अनंग ताल बावली को बहाली के लिए किए जा रहे कामों का निरीक्षण किया।

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## LG orders restoration of Qila Rai Pithora in S Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** LG VK Saxena on Saturday directed Delhi Development Authority and Archaeological Survey of India to put in place a restoration plan for Prithviraj Chauhan's Qila Rai Pithora, located near south Delhi's Malviya Nagar.

Officials from the LG secretariat said Saxena visited Qila Rai Pithora for the first time and expressed "grave disappointment" at its "decrepit state".

"He instructed the DDA and the ASI to immediately take up works for restoration of this historical monument. He also asked for cleaning operations to be started and restoration designs to be put to him within a week," said an official, adding that both DDA and ASI have been directed to work in coordination on the project.

Saxena also visited Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van and took stock of the restoration works being undertaken by DDA and ASI. It was Saxena's fourth visit to the location. He had directed the two agencies to carry out renovation work during his



Saxena visited Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van and took stock of the restoration work on Saturday

first visit, after assuming charge as LG last year.

DDA and ASI have taken up restoration works of Tomb of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Balban, Metcalfe's Lod-

ge (Dil Khusha - Mohammad Quli Khan's Tomb), Jamali-Kamali Mosque and Rajaon ki Baoli at Mehrauli Archaeological Park.

"While works on other projects at the locations were in different stages of execution, Rajaon ki Baoli, which was filled up to its arches with silt and garbage till February this year, has been restored into a vibrant waterbody in a record time," said an official.

Similarly, the work to restore Metcalfe Lodge - Dil Khusha was also nearing completion. "An eco-friendly restaurant is likely to be operational in its vicinity by the end of August. The place is expected to be a unique and major attraction at this historically iconic site," LG secretariat said in a statement.

During his visit to Sanjay Van, Saxena oversaw the ongoing restoration of the 11th century Anang Tal Baoli, which was started in July last year. "The LG also directed officials to speedily restore this relatively unexplored heritage site, which houses a plethora of flora and fauna and can serve as a perfect showcase for visitors to the national capital," said an official.

## LG reviews revamp work at Mehrauli park, Sanjay Van

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**NEW DELHI:** Rajon ki Baoli, one of the biggest stepwells in Delhi, was restored after cleaning and other work officials from the lieutenant governor's (LG) office said on Saturday.

Delhi LG VK Saxena visited the Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van and took stock of the ongoing restoration work carried out at these sites by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Work at these two locations started after Saxena's visit last year.

"While work on the other projects at the locations was in different stages, Rajon ki Baoli, which was filled up to its arches with silt and garbage in February this year, has been restored into a vibrant waterbody in record time," said an official from the LG office.

Restoration work started in February at the tomb of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Balban, Metcalfe's Lodge ("Dilkusha" or Moham-

mad Quli Khan's tomb), Jamali-Kamali Mosque, and Rajaon ki Baoli.

"At Metcalfe Lodge, the work is nearing completion and an eco-friendly restaurant is expected to be operational in its vicinity by the end of August. The place is expected to become a unique attraction at this historically iconic site," said the official.

Similar restoration work will also be undertaken at other sites like Prithviraj Chauhan's Qila Rai Pithora within the Mehrauli Archaeological Park which was found in a neglected state during the LG's visit on Saturday.

Qila Rai Pithora was found damaged in parts and drain water was accumulated at one portion.

During his visit to Sanjay Van, the LG also oversaw the ongoing restoration of the 11th Century Anang Tal Baoli, which started in July last year.

The Mehrauli Archaeological Park in south Delhi, adjacent to Qutab Minar, is spread across 200 acres and houses over 100 monuments.

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## HARDLOOK

# Making Delhi a pedestrian-friendly city easier said than done

Plans to turn Chandni Chowk and Ajmal Khan Road into vehicle-free zones have hit a roadblock. *The Indian Express* explores why

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29

IN 2019, Delhi set into motion its ambitious plan that aimed to put pedestrians first by turning a 1.5-km portion of Karol Bagh's famous Ajmal Khan Road into a vehicle-free zone. Two years later, a 1.3-km-long pedestrianised stretch at Chandni Chowk opened to the public.

Today, both stretches are a testament to why turning Delhi into a pedestrian-friendly city is easier said than done: In May, after protests by traders over loss in business due to lack of parking space around their shops, the pedestrianised stretch at Ajmal Khan Road was dismantled. In Chandni Chowk, rickshaws have taken over the paved walkway.

The *Indian Express* spoke to stakeholders, experts and officials and found that both projects failed to take off due to a major reason — failure to implement a comprehensive parking management system.

In its Draft Policy for Enhancing Walkability in Delhi released four years ago, the DDA laid out 27 area-specific walk plans which included Urtam Nagar crossing; INA market and metro station; Hauz Khas; Nehru Place; Bhikaji Cama Place; Karol Bagh; Saket; Malviya Nagar; Kamla Nagar; Lajpat Nagar; Laxmi Nagar; and Adichhani area, among others. ITO junction, Delhi University campuses, ISBTs, Old Delhi Railway Station and New Delhi



Kamla Nagar was also proposed to be pedestrianised; Chandni Chowk recently saw a makeover under a redevelopment project. *Saman Husain*



### ACROSS DELHI

**34%**  
Total percentage of walk-only trips



**58%**  
Education trips



**31%**  
Business trips



**50%**  
Metro user trips

**77%**  
Percentage of urban poor who commute on foot

Source: Data collected by DDA

Railway Station were supposed to be pedestrianised. To date, the policy remains on paper, with the land-owning agency still unable to appoint a high-level committee to oversee its implementation. Said A K Jain, former chief town planner of DDA, "Plans to pedestrianise Delhi have been laid out since 2007... the authority's responsibility is to only plan and make policies, implementation needs to be done by respective agencies. They are unable to do so as there is no proper provision for pedestrianisation in budgets."

### Experiment 1

Undertaken by the erstwhile

North Delhi Municipal Corporation, the Ajmal Khan Road pedestrianisation project was pitched to traders with the promise of ample parking space.

Between July 2020 and April 2021, however, movement of vehicles was allowed after retailers complained of poor sales and inadequate public transport. Attempts were made to revive the project in 2021. Today, footpaths and paved streets are broken in many places, while the benches that used to offer resting area for shoppers are in poor shape.

MCD officials said the road is still being considered a pedestrian-friendly area and they are

brainstorming ways to solve traders' issues. However, they are up against stiff resistance from traders and residents.

With construction of four parking lots proposed for the area yet to be completed, shopkeepers complained that traders' association had to rent parking space and hire bouncers to deal with traffic congestion and asserted that ensuring functionality of the pedestrian way was a financial liability.

"Sales were down as vehicles couldn't park outside stores... so we spoke to MCD deputy commissioner and submitted a letter... People want convenience of pedestrianisation but that can't

happen till there is a parking lot nearby," said Naveen Mahajan, joint secretary of the Ajmal Khan Traders' Association.

According to an MCD official, tenders were issued and construction of one parking lot is underway. There has been no progress on the other three.

Jain said, "Careful implementation of pedestrianisation needs to take place in a compassionate and not bureaucratic manner... Every area needs to be dealt with differently."

He gave an example of Istiklal street, a stretch in Istanbul that's regarded among Turkey's most famous avenues. "Traders on Istiklal

street faced a similar issue when pedestrianisation was introduced... they were facing business losses so they were given interest-free loans... Now, their business has grown three-fold after the street was fully pedestrianised. Shopkeepers in Karol Bagh too asked for loans but it was not given to them," he said

### Experiment 2

At Chandni Chowk, the stretch between Red Fort and Fatehpur Masjid saw a makeover under the redevelopment project implemented by Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation and PWD.

In Phase I, electric cables were taken underground, lanes for non-motorised transport and walkways were constructed. The stretch was declared a "no-traffic zone" for motorised vehicles between 9 am and 9 pm and only 400 non-motorised rickshaw vendors were allowed to operate.

However, the street is now swamped with rickshaws. Shiv Nandan, a rickshaw driver, who has a licence to ply on the stretch, said: "We pay Rs 250 a day for the licence. However, other rickshaws have taken over, which is also an issue for the pedestrians."

Besides, two-wheelers continue to enter the zone — commuters drive on the pathway and park their vehicles there — forcing pedestrians to the sidewalks.

When contacted, DCP (Traffic) RP Meena said, "Traffic police and transport authorities are supposed to ensure only rickshaws with valid licences enter the zone, but many rickshaw pullers have made fake licences." He added, "When two rickshaw pullers with the same number plate are caught, then traffic police penalises the one plying illegally."

"The pedestrianisation project was a court-mandated project... boom barriers have not been put in place, benches are in pathetic condition, proper signages have not been put, encroachments are present, autos and cars enter and vagabonds roam around and take refuge in the pedestrian stretch. On weekends, the market becomes jam-packed... I have approached court in this regard..."

said Sanjay Bhargava, the president of the Chandni Chowk traders association.

According to Pradip Sarkar, former head of the transport department, "MLAs and others responsible for their areas take up pedestrianisation projects but they don't understand what it is... Expert opinion is not taken into account while forming boards, due to which these projects fail."

Former MCD commissioner KS Mehra also asserted that for pedestrian projects to work, civic authorities need to charge reasonable rates for parking.

### On the anvil

Kamla Nagar, which has a bustling student population owing to its proximity to Delhi University's North Campus, was also proposed to be pedestrianised. Here too, plans ran into a wall over lack of suitable parking.

The market's lone multi-story parking lot has long reached maximum capacity — it can house 500 cars but most of the space is occupied by shopkeepers — while narrow lanes add to the traffic chaos.

"Four roads in Kamla Nagar come under MCD but two others come under PWD... work hasn't started to pedestrianise Kamla Nagar yet, but efforts should be maximised once parking space is finalised... Encroachments will be removed," an MCD official said.

In 2021, the civic body tried to conduct a trial run by removing encroachments by hawkers and putting benches but faced backlash from students and traders.

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## Wait over, DDA to kick off 4 sports facilities in Dwarka by year-end

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**New Delhi:** Delhi Development Authority will make its four sports facilities in Dwarka operational by the end of this year, stated officials.

"While work is in progress at all the sites, we are targeting to make the Dwarka sector 17 sports complex operational by next month. The rest three (at sectors 8, 19 and 23) are centres of excellence (COE) and specialise in 2-3 sports activities," said an official, adding that DDA is working on six COE projects in total.

The Dwarka sector 17 complex, spread across 23.2 acres and costing Rs92 crore, will have outdoor sports facilities such as cricket field, hockey-cum-football field, lawn tennis court, netball court, basketball court, volleyball court, skating rink, and skate parks.

"There will be an indoor block with facilities for badminton, squash, and other games like boxing, aerobics, cue sports (billiards, snooker), martial arts (karate, taekwondo), and yoga," stated the authority.

"An Olympic-size swimming pool with changing room, seating pavilions for skating rink, cricket/football field and lawn tennis courts covered with tensile membrane structure are other highlights. Outdoor coffee shop and nursery area with green lawns will be there too," added the authority.

It was supposed to become operational last year but got late due to delay in getting permissions from other agencies. "We have received permission for a water connection from Delhi Jal Board



**MOVE TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE:** The centres are coming up in Dwarka sectors 8, 17, 19, 23

and final testing of all services is in progress," said a senior DDA official.

There will be no permanent membership for this place and DDA will offer only one, three, and five years' membership.

The Dwarka sector 8 COE will have facilities for wrestling, boxing and judo karate; the sector 23 complex will specialise in hockey and football; and the sector 19 complex in tennis and shooting.

"These projects will not only promote sports in Delhi but also contribute to residents' ease of living and nurture young talent. DDA is soon going to complete a golf course at Dwarka sector 24," said the official.

Other COEs include one at Rohini sector 33, specialising in aquatics, is targeted to be completed by mid-next year. Work is in progress at COEs for athletics at Narela sector A-7 and Rohini sector 34.

At Dwarka sector 19B, an integrated multi-sports arena is being taken up on design, build, finance, operate and transfer basis on PPP mode.

At present, DDA's 15 sports complexes, three mini sports complexes, two public golf courses, 17 swimming pools and 40 multi-gyms can be used at a nominal fee.

CWG Village, Chilla, Yamuna sports complexes and Poorv Delhi Khel Parisar are in east Delhi. West Delhi has sports complexes in Dwarka, Hari Nagar and Paschim Vihar.

Major Dhyani Chand and Rohini sports complexes and Rashtriya Swabhimani Khel Parisar are in north Delhi. South Delhi has Netaji Subhash, Saket, Siri Fort, Vasant Kunj sports complexes and Squash & Badminton Stadium.

DDA is also managing two world-class golf courses - Qutab and Bhalswa.

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L-G HAS CALLED FOR ITS RESTORATION

## Qila Rai Pithora: Scattered ruins narrate the tale of Delhi's first city

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IF ONE were to take a leisurely walk from Malviya Nagar Metro station, down the Press Enclave road, they would notice the remains of Qila Rai Pithora tucked away in a lush garden. Stretching from Saket across Mehrauli and Sanjay Van to Vasant Kunj, the fort contains the ruins of the first city of Delhi.

The fort was recently brought to the limelight after Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena visited the site and expressed his disappointment at its decrepit state. During his visit, the L-G instructed the Delhi Development Authority and Archaeological Survey of

India (ASI) to collaborate and begin cleaning and restoration operations immediately.

A massive statue of Prithviraj Chauhan, a much-revered king of the Chauhan or Chahamanya dynasty, situated in the centre of the fort's grounds, is supposed to house a library in the building under it. A peek into the building through the locked glass doors, though, reveals empty halls and discarded boards commemorating last year's World Heritage Week. The grounds surrounding the statue, and the remains of the fort, remain overgrown with grass and heather.

While the origins of the fort remain contested, it is widely believed it was first built by the Tomar dynasty surrounding the

iron pillar after it was brought from Udayagiri (present-day Madhya Pradesh) by Anangpal II around 1050 CE. However, there seems to be no consensus on this too. While some say the pillar was moved by Anangpal, others argue that it was already in Delhi by the time the ruler came to power.

According to historian Rana Safvi, the Tomar dynasty decided to place its headquarters at the Aravalli Hills for its strategic and military advantages.

Initially named Lal Kot (Red Fort) — not to be confused with the Mughal-era Red Fort situated 23 km away on the banks of the Yamuna — the fort would serve as the first of the eight cities to come up in Delhi in centuries to



The remains of Qila Rai Pithora are tucked away in a lush garden near Malviya Nagar Metro station. Upasika Singhal

come. According to Safvi, it is probable that the fort was constructed to avoid constant raids and attacks that Mahmud of

Ghazni had unleashed on Kannauj. There, nestled in the rocky caverns of the Aravalli hills, the Tomars would rule for a century and construct dams and tanks. One can still see the remains of one in Surajkund in present-day Fandabad.

Later, the Tomars would be overthrown by the Chahamanas and Lal Kot would be renamed Qila Rai Pithora, after Prithviraj Chauhan.

However, according to Cynthia Talbot's *The Last Hindu Emperor: Prithviraj Chauhan and the Indian Past*, while the ruins

of the fort do place it in the pre-Sultanate period, no records exist of the Chahamanya king either ruling over Delhi or even visiting it. Nevertheless, the ASI plaque at the fort claims that the

fort was captured by Chahamanya prince Vigraharaja IV and then reinforced with ramparts by

Prithviraj III.

The Chahamanas were ultimately defeated by Qutub-d-Din Aibak in 1192 CE. According to Safvi, the victorious Ghurd army entered Qila Pithora through the Ranjit Gate and the fort thus be-

came the capital of the Sultanate.

The most notable addition to the fort was perhaps made by Aibak in the form of Qutub Minar to mark his victory over Chauhan. The fort then witnessed several dynasties come and go — the Khaljis, the Tughlaqs, the Sayyids and the Lodhis, to name a few.

According to Safvi, the later Delhi Sultans shifted their base closer to the Yamuna for defense purposes. By the time Firoz Shah Tughlaq established the Firoz Shah Kotla on the banks of the Yamuna to aid the city's growing demand for drinking water, Qila Rai Pithora was abandoned along with Sir, Tughlaqabad and Jahanpanah forts.



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## 1.5k flats sold in DDA scheme

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**NEW DELHI:** Within a month of being launched, the Delhi Development Authority's flats at Dwarka, floated as one of the best locations in the residential scheme, were sold out, officials said on Saturday.

Around 1,500 flats were booked so far in six locations across the Capital — Dwarka, Narela, Rohini, Jasola, Sirasapur and Lok Niyak Puram — from a total of 5,600 flats. DDA launched the housing scheme on

a first come, first served basis on June 30 and started accepting bookings from July 10.

DDA received an overwhelming response on day one with more than 600 flats being booked across all locations within the first few hours of the launch of the scheme. Over the month, 700 more flats were taken. The most flats were booked in Narela and Rohini, around 700 at each of the areas.

Meanwhile, Dwarka and Jasola have seen the best response.

There were 50 flats for sale in Dwarka, all of which have been

taken. In Jasola, which has the priciest flats for ₹2.25 crore each, 24 of the 41 flats have been booked. In Lok Niyak Puram, 35 of 140 flats have been booked and in Sirasapur 14 of 125 flats have been booked.

However, officials said that bookings were continuing every day. "This has been one of the most successful schemes in recent years for DDA. It is still open to people and more bookings are being made every day," said a DDA official. No closing date for the scheme has been decided yet, the official added.



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## डीडीए को मिल रहा मेट्रो के संभावित विस्तार का भी लाभ

राज्य ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण की पहले आओ पहले पाओ योजना में पंजीकरण कराने के बाद लोग इसके फ्लैटों की बुकिंग में अच्छी रुचि दिखा रहे हैं। इसकी मुख्य वजह मेट्रो का संभावित विस्तार भी है।



दरअसल रोहिणी के सेक्टर-34 व 35 के समीप से होकर मेट्रो की कुंडली तक जाने वाली विस्तार लाइन को लेकर इन दिनों चर्चा जोरों पर है। डीएमआरसी ने भी इस दिशा में अपना प्लान बनाया है। डीडीए अधिकारियों का दावा है कि डीएमआरसी के प्लान की बात सामने आने के साथ ही आवासीय योजना में आवेदन करने वालों की संख्या में करीब 25 प्रतिशत तक की वृद्धि देखने को मिली है। पहले आओ

पहले पाओ आवासीय योजना में रोहिणी के 704 फ्लैट और नरेला के 674 फ्लैट सर्वाधिक हैं। जसोला में 23, सिरसपुर में 14 और लोकनायक पुरम में 33 फ्लैटों की बुकिंग हुई है। अधिकारी के अनुसार चूँकि कुंडली तक मेट्रो के विस्तार लाइन होने का लाभ रोहिणी के साथ-साथ नरेला के लोगों को भी होगा। अतः मेट्रो के संभावित प्लान के बाद बुकिंग करने वालों की संख्या में अंतर दिखा है। अब तक 1500 से अधिक फ्लैट्स की बुकिंग हो चुकी है।

## बपरौला में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सिटी के आवासीय फ्लैट बनेंगे

### सुविधा

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। बपरौला (नजफगढ़) में विकसित होने वाली इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सिटी (औद्योगिक क्षेत्र) के साथ सरकार कम लागत वाले फ्लैट विकसित करने की भी योजना बना रही है। इस योजना के तहत औद्योगिक क्षेत्र और आवासीय परिसर दोनों को पीपीपी मॉडल पर विकसित किया जाएगा।

दिल्ली राज्य औद्योगिक संरचना विकास निगम (डीएसआईआईडीसी) ने यहां उपलब्ध कुल 135 एकड़ जमीन में से 97.08 एकड़ जमीन का मूल्यांकन कराने के लिए सलाहकार नियुक्त कर रहा है।

**बजट में घोषणा की थी:** दिल्ली सरकार ने बजट में बपरौला में एक इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सिटी विकसित करने की घोषणा की थी। बजट में इसके लिए 250 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान भी किया गया है। दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण से जमीन भी मिल चुकी है। डीएसआईआईडीसी कुल जमीन में औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के लिए 55.18 एकड़, आवासीय परिसर के लिए 27.38 एकड़, रिक्रिएशन सेंटर के लिए 6.47 एकड़ और 17.13 एकड़ पर बने 2112 फ्लैटों का मूल्यांकन करा रहा है।

**सरकार कम लागत वाले फ्लैट तैयार कराएगी:** दिल्ली सरकार का मानना है कि राजधानी में काम करने वालों के लिए यहां रहना सबसे ज्यादा महंगा है। इसलिए सरकार औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के आस-पास कम लागत वाले फ्लैट बनाना चाहती है। इस कदम से दिल्ली सरकार को उम्मीद है कि यहां

मद प्रयोग	भूमि (एकड़)
औद्योगिक	55.18
आवासीय	27.38
खाली आवास की भूमि	17.13
खाली आवासीय	7.16
रिक्रिएशन	6.47
सर्कुलेशन	11.14
अतिक्रमण	11.15
कुल	135.57

### आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस हब बनाने का प्रस्ताव

दिल्ली के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सिटी का मकसद एक आधुनिक औद्योगिक क्षेत्र तैयार करना है। जहां लोगों को काम करने का अच्छा माहौल दिया जाएगा। यहां ऑफिस के लिए बड़े परिसर, वेयर हाउस के मनोरंजन केंद्र और आवासीय परिसर विकसित करना है, लेकिन आने वाले उद्योगों के भविष्य को देखते हुए सरकार ने 8 जून को हुई एक बैठक में इसे आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस हब के रूप में भी विकसित करने की दिशा में काम करने का निर्देश दिया है। विभाग उस पर भी काम कर रहा है।



### बाजार प्रतिस्पर्धा का भी आकलन होगा

जमीन की मार्केट वैल्यू का पता लगाने के लिए मूल्यांकन कराया जाएगा। साथ ही आसपास चल रही प्रतिस्पर्धी योजनाएं का भी आकलन कराया जाएगा। मूल्यांकन के लिए रियल स्टेट में काम करने वाले ब्रोकर चेक के साथ बाजार की स्थिति का भी विश्लेषण किया जाएगा।

पर लाखों लोगों को प्रत्यक्ष और अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से नौकरी और रोजगार मिलेंगे।

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**डीडीए में अनुबंध आधार पर अल्प-अवधि हेतु  
परामर्शदाताओं की नियुक्ति**





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## दिल्ली में कानून व्यवस्था गंभीर मुद्दा बना : केजरीवाल

नई दिल्ली। मालवीय नगर में युवती की हत्या पर आप ने केंद्र और भाजपा पर हमला बोला है। मुख्यमंत्री केजरीवाल ने कहा कि दिल्ली में एक और बेटे की बेरहमी से हत्या कर दी गई। दरअसल, दिल्ली में कानून व्यवस्था एक गंभीर

मुद्दा बन गया है। उपराज्यपाल और गृहमंत्री से गुजारिश है कि पुलिस को थोड़ा सक्रिय करें। बेटियों और लोगों की सुरक्षा बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। आप विधायक सोमनाथ भारती ने पार्टी मुख्यालय में संवाददाता सम्मेलन में कहा कि युवती की

हत्या की घटना ने पूरी दिल्ली को दहला कर रख दिया। दुख की बात यह है कि वारदात मालवीय नगर थाने से मात्र 100-150 मीटर की दूरी पर हुई। घटना स्थल से 10 मीटर की दूरी पर डीडीए के पार्क में तैनात गार्ड भी मौजूद थे। ब्यूरो

## LG takes stock of restoration work at Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Sanjay Van

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI: Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena on Saturday visited the Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van to take stock of the restoration work being undertaken at the sites, officials said.

Saxena also visited King Prithviraj Chauhan's Qila Rai Pithora and expressed "grave disappointment at its decrepit state due to neglect by authorities," they said.

The restoration work at Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van is being done by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in cooperation with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), they said. The work at these two locations had started following a visit by Saxena after assuming charge as the Lt Governor last year, a senior official of the Raj Niwas said.

"It was his fourth visit today to the Mehrauli Archaeological Park where restoration works of the Tomb of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Balban, Metcalfe's Lodge (Dil Khusha Mohammad Quli Khan's Tomb), Jamali-Kamali Mosque and Rajaon ki Baoli, have been underway after the LG visited the site twice in Feb-

ruary this year, followed by a review visit in June last," he said. "While work on the other projects at these locations was in different stages of execution, Rajaon ki Baoli, which was filled up to its arches with silt and garbage before work commenced in February this year, has been restored into a vibrant water body in record time," the official said.

Similarly, work of restoring the Metcalfe Lodge Dil Khusha were also nearing completion and soon an "eco-friendly restaurant (by the end of August) will be operationalised in its vicinity. The place is expected to come up as a unique and major attraction at this historically iconic site," he added.

He also instructed the DDA and the ASI to immediately take up work for restoration of Qila Rai Pithora, and asked for cleaning operations to be started and restoration designs to be put to him within the coming week, officials said. Saxena directed the DDA and the ASI to work in coordination, the senior official said. The L-G also oversaw the ongoing restoration of the 11th century Anang Tal Baoli, which had started in July last year, post his visit in June third week of 2022.

## 'किला राय पिथौरा' के जीर्णोद्धार की योजना बनाएं अधिकारी : उप-राज्यपाल

नई दिल्ली (एसएनबी)। उप-राज्यपाल विनय कुमार सक्सेना शनिवार को दक्षिणी दिल्ली स्थित राजा पृथ्वीराज चौहान का 'किला राय पिथौरा' पहुंचे और स्थिति का जायजा लिया। किले की दुर्दशा देख निराशा व्यक्त करते हुए उन्होंने दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) एच एसआई को तत्काल जीर्णोद्धार प्लान तैयार करने को कहा है, ताकि किला अपने पुराने स्वरूप में वापस लौट सके। इससे पहले एलजी ने अधिकारियों ने साथ महारौली स्थित पुरातत्व पार्क और संजय वन का भी दौराकर जीर्णोद्धार की योजना की निरीक्षण किया।

उप-राज्यपाल ने किले की स्थिति पर दुख जताते

अगले सप्ताह से सफाई अभियान शुरू करने के निर्देश

हुए कहा कि इसके जीर्णोद्धार की पूरी योजना बनाई जाए। जबकि सफाई अभियान तत्काल शुरू किया जाए। एलजी ने डीडीए के अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिया है कि वह एसआई

विभाग से समन्वय स्थापित कर जीर्णोद्धार की डिजाइन तैयार करें। महारौली स्थित पुरातत्व पार्क पहुंचे एलजी ने जीर्णोद्धार के कार्य पर संतोष व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि कार्य जल्द ही पूरा किया जाए। उन्होंने पुरातत्व पार्क स्थित सुल्तान गयासुद्दीन बलबन का मकबरा, मेटकाफ लॉज (दिल खुशा-मोहम्मद कुली खान का मकबरा) जमाली-कमाली मस्जिद और राजाओं की बाउली के जीर्णोद्धार कार्य का भी निरीक्षण किया।

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## एलजी ने महारौली पुरातत्व पार्क-संजय वन का किया निरीक्षण

नई दिल्ली। उपराज्यपाल वीके सक्सेना शनिवार को महारौली पुरातत्व पार्क और संजय वन का निरीक्षण करने पहुंचे। यहां एसआई के सहयोग से डीडीए इन स्थलों का जीर्णोद्धार कर रहा है। पिछले साल कार्यभार संभालने के बाद एलजी ने इन्हें सुधारने का आदेश दिया था।

यहां पर सुल्तान गयासुद्दीन बलबन के मकबरे, मेटकाफ लॉज (दिल खुशा-मोहम्मद कुली खान का मकबरा), जमाली-कमाली मस्जिद और राजाओन की बावली का जीर्णोद्धार किया जा रहा है।



महारौली पुरातत्व पार्क और संजय वन का निरीक्षण करने पहुंचे उपराज्यपाल।

मेटकाफ लॉज-दिल खुशा को बहाल करने का काम भी पूरा होने वाला है। जल्द ही इसके आसपास एक पर्यावरण-अनुकूल रेस्तरां चालू हो जाएगा। यह ऐतिहासिक रूप से

प्रतिष्ठित स्थल बनकर उभरेगा। एलजी ने राजा पृथ्वीराज चौहान के किला राय पिथौरा का भी दौरा किया। यहां पर उन्होंने अधिकारियों की उपेक्षा के कारण जर्जर स्थिति पर

निराशा व्यक्त की। उन्होंने डीडीए और एसआई को इस ऐतिहासिक स्मारक के जीर्णोद्धार के लिए तुरंत काम करने का निर्देश दिया। साथ ही, अगले सप्ताह तक कार्ययोजना तैयार कर रिपोर्ट देने को कहा है। एलजी ने संजय वन में एलजी ने 11वीं शताब्दी की अलग ताल बावली की बहाली का भी निरीक्षण किया। एलजी ने अधिकारियों को ऐसे अज्ञात विरासत स्थल को तेजी से बहाल करने का निर्देश दिया है, जिसमें वनस्पतियों और जीवों की बहुतायत है। ब्यूरो

# LG takes stock of restoration work at Sanjay Van

## Restoration efforts initiated after Saxena's first visit to these sites last year

STAFF REPORTER ■  
NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena on Saturday visited the Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van to assess the progress of restoration works being carried out by DDA in collaboration with ASI.

These restoration efforts were initiated after Saxena's first visits to these sites last year, shortly after assuming his role as LG. During his fourth visit to the Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Saxena inspected the ongoing restora-

tion works at significant sites such as the Tomb of Sultan Ghiyasuddin Balban, Metcalfe's Lodge (Dil Khusha - Mohammad Quli Khan's Tomb), Jamali-Kamali Mosque, and Rajaon ki Baoli. Notably, Rajaon ki Baoli, which was previously filled with silt and garbage, has now been restored into a vibrant water body in a remarkably short period.

The restoration of Metcalfe Lodge - Dil Khusha is also nearing completion, and an eco-friendly restaurant is set to be operationalized in its vicinity by the end of August,



adding a unique attraction to this historically iconic site. Expressing concern over the state of King Prithviraj Chauhan's Qila Rai Pithora due to negligence by authorities, Saxena directed DDA and ASI to immediately commence restoration works. He request-

ed that cleaning operations be initiated, and restoration designs be submitted within the upcoming week, emphasizing the need for coordinated efforts. Additionally, during his visit to Sanjay Van, the LG oversaw the ongoing restoration of the 11th Century

Anang Tal Baoli, which began last year. He urged officials to expedite restoration process for this unexplored heritage site, which houses a diverse range of flora and fauna, envisioning it as a captivating showcase for visitors to National Capital of India.

दैनिक भास्कर सोमवार 31 जुलाई, 2023

## भास्कर खास • एलजी ने किला राय पिथौरा और संजय वन सहित कई विरासत स्थलों का किया दौरा दिल्ली को अगले महीने मिल सकता है नया टूरिस्ट स्पॉट, डीडीए और एएसआई ने मिलकर चार महीने में संवारी राजाओं की बावली

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राजधानी को संजय वन के रूप में जल्द एक नया पर्यटन स्थल मिलने वाला है। एलजी वीके सक्सेना डीडीए और एएसआई अफसरों के साथ महारौली स्थित पृथ्वीराज चौहान के किला राय पिथौरा का दौरा कर चुके हैं। इस दौरान उन्होंने जर्जर हो रहे किले का जायजा लिया और डीडीए व एएसआई को एक सप्ताह में किले की जीर्णोद्धार के डिजाइन प्रस्तुत करने तथा आपस में समन्वय स्थापित कर इसकी देखरेख व मरम्मत की योजना बनाने का निर्देश दिया। एलजी ने पिछले साल ही महारौली पुरातत्व पार्क और संजय वन का दौरा किया था। तब डीडीए और एएसआई



द्वारा शुरू करवाए जा रहे जीर्णोद्धार कार्यों को देखा था। सुल्तान गयासुद्दीन बलबन के मकबरे, मेटकाफ लॉज (दिलकुशा-मोहम्मद कुली खान का मकबरा), जमाली-कमाली मस्जिद और राजाओं

की बावली का जीर्णोद्धार कार्य चल रहा है। एलजी ने निरीक्षण के दौरान जीर्णोद्धार काम पर संतोष जताते हुए कहा कि अगस्त के अंत तक पर्यटकों के लिए यहां रेस्ट्रॉ खुल जाएगा।

### अनंग ताल बावली भी होगी जीवंत

संजय वन के दौर के दौरान एलजी ने 11वीं शताब्दी की अनंग ताल बावली की चल रही बहाली का भी निरीक्षण किया। यह 2022 में जून के तीसरे सप्ताह में उनकी यात्रा के बाद पिछले साल जुलाई में शुरू हुई थी। राजाओं की बावली, जो अपने मेहराबों तक गाद और कचरे से भर गई थी, को रिकॉर्ड समय में जल निकास में बहाल कर दिया गया है। एलजी ने अधिकारियों को दिल्ली के अज्ञात विरासत स्थलों को तेजी से बहाल करने का भी निर्देश दिया, जिसमें वनस्पतियों और जीवों की संख्या भी बहुत अधिक है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह परिसर आगंतुकों के लिए आदर्श पर्यटन स्थल बन सकता है।