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## Palaash Mahotsav 2026: A Celebration of Nature, Colours, and Conservation



- Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri V. K. Saxena inaugurated Palaash Mahotsav 2026 at Baansera on 14 February 2026.
- For the first time, the festival was organised simultaneously at four locations: Baansera, Ashoka Garden (Ashok Vihar Ph-IV), Lala Hardayal Park (Jasola), and Smriti Van (Narela).
  - The final chapter of the festival was held at Asita (21–23 February) along the Yamuna floodplains.
  - A new cycle track at Asita was inaugurated to promote eco-friendly mobility and public engagement with riverfront spaces.

- Visitors enjoyed floral displays, curated gardens, cultural performances, competitions, artisan stalls and food courts across all venues.
- Around 2 lakh tulips were planted across multiple public parks in Delhi, expanding seasonal floral access citywide.
- The festival promoted biodiversity awareness, environmental responsibility and citizen participation through interactive installations, workshops and activities.

The Delhi Development Authority successfully organised Palaash Mahotsav 2026, a vibrant celebration of spring, nature and community engagement across several public green spaces in Delhi. The festival was inaugurated on 14 February 2026 at Baansera Park by Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri V. K. Saxena in the presence of Vice Chairman Shri N. Saravana Kumar and other senior officials.



For the first time, the festival was held simultaneously across four locations — Baansera, Ashoka Garden (Ashok Vihar), Lala Hardayal Park (Jasola), and Smriti Van (Narela) from 14–16 February 2026. Conceived as a city-wide celebration of nature and public spaces, the festival encouraged citizens to explore Delhi's green landscapes through floral displays, cultural performances, workshops and interactive activities.

Following enthusiastic public participation, the festival entered its concluding chapter at Asita from 21–23 February 2026. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor also inaugurated a newly developed cycle track along the Yamuna, promoting eco-friendly mobility and encouraging citizens to engage more actively with riverfront green spaces.

Across all venues, visitors enjoyed curated gardens, thematic floral installations, artisan stalls, food courts, competitions and cultural performances that celebrated nature and community participation. Around two lakh tulips were planted across several public parks in Delhi, expanding seasonal floral displays beyond traditional locations and making them accessible to a wider public.

Since its inception in 2023, Palaash Mahotsav has evolved beyond a flower show into a platform for environmental awareness, biodiversity conservation and citizen engagement with urban green spaces. With pleasant weather and vibrant seasonal blooms, Palaash Mahotsav 2026 offered Delhiites an opportunity to celebrate the arrival of spring while reconnecting with the city's growing network of ecological and recreational landscapes.



BAANESERA



ASHOKA GARDEN, ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-IV



ASITA



LALA HARDAYAL PARK, JASOLA



Smriti Van, Narela

## DDA Green Expo 2026: Reimagining Urban Futures Through Green Partnerships



- Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi inaugurates First DDA Green Expo 2026; DDA signs several MoUs for promoting greens
- Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, inaugurates First ever DDA Green Expo, DDA Greens Logo and DDA Greens Year Book 2026
- The expo reaffirms our commitment to a greener, healthier, and more hopeful future for Delhi: Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi
  - The two-day expo, themed 'Beyond Growth: Reimagining Urban Futures.' bring together senior government leaders, urban planners, climate experts and industry stakeholders
- DDA signs several MoUs marking a transformative moment in the future of Delhi's public spaces.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri V. K. Saxena inaugurated the first-ever DDA Green Expo 2026 on 14 February 2026 at Baansera, reaffirming Delhi's commitment to sustainable urban development and greener public spaces. On the occasion, the Lt. Governor also unveiled the DDA Greens Logo and the DDA Greens Year Book 2026.

To shape the next phase of sustainable urban development and showing commitment towards Green Delhi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri V K Saxena today inaugurated first-ever DDA Green Expo at Baansera in the national capital.

The two-day expo, themed 'Beyond Growth: Reimagining Urban Futures.' bring together senior government leaders, urban planners, climate experts and industry stakeholders. Besides, various MoUs has been signed with leading national institutions, marking a transformative moment in the future of Delhi's public spaces.

Showing its commitment towards promoting greens in the national capital, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi also unveiled DDA Greens logo and DDA Greens Year Book 2026.

Inaugurating the green expo, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi said, " The expo reaffirms our commitment to a greener, healthier, and more hopeful future for Delhi."

He further said that this expo is not only about the conferences and the exhibits, but also about people. " It honours thousands of Delhi



residents, who nurture small green patches, outside their homes, who teach their children about local birds, who plant saplings and return to care for them. They are the everyday heroes, of our environmental journey," he added.

He added that no one could have imagined 3 years back that the degraded and polluted site would host a "Green Expo" and become a platform for planning a sustainable future for Delhi.

"It is a stellar example of greening and reclaiming degraded land and Baansera is a testimony to resilience and endeavour," he said, adding that the Expo mulls over and offers practical solutions to Delhi's environmental challenges. DDA Vice chairman Shri N Saravana Kumar said that the role of the Delhi Development Authority is often viewed as that of a master planner, developer, and regulator. However, alongside these responsibilities, DDA also has an extremely important and accountable role that of Delhi's Environmental Trustee.

While the two-day Expo brings together policymakers, planners, climate experts and industry leaders to deliberate on sustainable urban development, the highlight was the signing of strategic partnerships that will redefine how DDA parks function in the city.

Through these collaborations, DDA Greens are set to evolve into living laboratories for learning, innovation, ecology and culture moving beyond recreation to become dynamic civic platforms.

A first-of-its-kind partnership with the National School of Drama (NSD) will activate DDA parks as cultural classrooms. Under this collaboration, NSD will conduct curated community theatre workshops and children's theatre programmes in park spaces, making performing arts accessible in open, public environments.



The MoU with the University of Delhi will enable urban ecological research, student-led fieldwork and academic engagement within park landscapes. Collaboration with Delhi Technological University (DTU) will introduce technology-driven sustainability solutions and youth innovation into park planning and management.

Through the National Medicinal Plants Board, DDA will develop herbal garden of national and state importance and medicinal nurseries across selected parks, strengthening biodiversity conservation and reconnecting citizens with India's botanical heritage.

Partnership with WWF-India will establish Citizens' Nature Hubs at Asita, promoting environmental awareness, citizen engagement and community stewardship.

In addition, following an approach from the Mathura-Vrindavan Development Authority (MVDA), DDA will enter into an MoU to serve as a knowledge partner in sustainable urban planning, heritage-sensitive interventions, and nature-based development practices.

Together, these agreements signal DDA's commitment in expanding the scope and reach of its green spaces through collaborations with institutions of excellence. DDA parks are poised to become centres for nature trails, research initiatives, youth engagement, cultural programming and environmental learning integrating ecology, innovation and community life into Delhi's urban future.



The expo to feature high-impact panel discussions and expert sessions addressing some of the most pressing urban challenges, including extreme heat, flood resilience, nature-based infrastructure, circular food systems and innovative financing for green cities.

Senior policymakers and development leaders to participate in the panel “Designing for Climate-Responsive Cities,” focusing on energy-efficient urban design, climate-adaptive public spaces and resilient infrastructure.

The Expo would also spotlight emerging sustainability priorities such as urban food circularity, balancing development with master planner, developer, and regulator. However, alongside these responsibilities, DDA also has an extremely important and accountable role that of Delhi’s Environmental Trustee.

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**Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri V. K. Saxena, along with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt. Rekha Gupta, inaugurates the Multi-Level Parking Facility at Nehru Place**



- Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Inaugurate State-of-the-Art Multi-Level Car Parking Facility at Nehru Place District Centre
- Project Marks Significant Step in Revitalisation of Nehru Place, One of Asia's Largest IT and Commercial Hubs
- Six-Level Structured Parking Facility Developed with Capacity for 660 Cars and 350 Two-Wheelers, including designated spaces for persons with disabilities and electric vehicles
- Earthquake Resilient and Maintenance Efficient Structure by Using Advanced AAC and VDC Based Engineering
- Equipped with Intelligent Parking Systems, 09 EV Charging Points, 148 CCTV Cameras for 24\*7 Surveillance

In a major boost to Delhi's urban infrastructure and traffic management, on 16 February 2026, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri V. K. Saxena, along with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Smt. Rekha Gupta, inaugurated and dedicated to the public a state-of-the-art Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) facility at Nehru Place District Centre.

Hon'ble MP South Delhi Shri Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Vice Chairman DDA, Shri N. Saravana Kumar, and senior officials of Delhi Development Authority were also present on the occasion.

Developed by DDA under the UDF-funded scheme of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the project marks a key milestone in the redevelopment and revitalisation of Nehru Place, one of Asia's largest IT and commercial hubs with an average daily footfall of over 1.3 lakh visitors.



The six-level facility (basement plus five floors) provides organised parking for 660 cars and over 350 two-wheelers, including dedicated spaces for persons with disabilities and electric vehicles. It also includes nine EV charging points, automated ticketing, digital parking guidance systems, and 148 CCTV cameras for enhanced safety.

Built using modern technologies such as AAC blocks and Vacuum Dewatered Concrete (VDC), the facility ensures durability, earthquake resistance, and reduced maintenance. Designed as a sustainable urban infrastructure project, it also features vertical gardens, rainwater harvesting, energy-efficient lighting, and a GRC jali façade for natural daylight.

The MLCP is expected to significantly ease parking congestion and improve traffic flow in the busy Nehru Place area while promoting organised and sustainable urban mobility in Delhi.



## DDA Celebrates World Wetlands Day 2026 at Yamuna Biodiversity Park



- World Wetlands Day celebrated on 2 February 2026 at Yamuna Biodiversity Park around the theme Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage.
- 350+ participants including students, Researchers, academicians, journalists, UPSC aspirants, nature enthusiasts, local communities, and DDA officials attended the event.
- Vice Chairman DDA, Shri N. Saravana Kumar highlighted that 15% of Delhi's area is covered by DDA parks, strengthening the city's ecological health and resilience.
- Yamini Gupt highlighted the global economic value of wetlands estimated at USD 26.4 trillion, exceeding the GDP of many countries.

The Delhi Development Authority celebrated World Wetlands Day on 2 February 2026 at the amphitheatre of Yamuna Biodiversity Park around the global theme. Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage. The programme highlighted how wetland conservation has long been embedded in traditional knowledge and community practices.

The event witnessed participation from over 350 attendees, including students from colleges of University of Delhi, researchers, academicians, journalists, UPSC aspirants, nature enthusiasts, local communities, and DDA officials.

Vice Chairman DDA, Shri N. Saravana Kumar emphasized the importance of sustainable land management and urban governance in protecting cities from disasters such as floods. He noted that nearly 15% of Delhi’s geographical area consists of DDA parks, and the seven biodiversity parks developed with Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems are significantly enhancing the city’s ecological health and quality of life.

Experts including C. R. Babu, Shashank Shekhar, and Yamini Gupt highlighted the ecological and economic importance of wetlands, stressing the urgent need for their restoration and conservation.

The event concluded with a photography award ceremony and a guided nature trail, where participants experienced the wetlands ecosystem and observed migratory bird species such as Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Great Cormorant, Gadwall, and Teal.



**LIST OF OFFICERS AND STAFFS  
RETIRED IN FEBRUARY 2026**

S. No.	Name /Father’s/Husband’s Name S/Shri/Smt.	Designation	Place of posting	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment
1.	Smt. Anjana W/o Late Sh. Chandra Gupta	SSA UID No.1803010	PR (Reception) Dept. Vikas Minar	10.02.1966	23.08.2010
2.	Ved Parkash S/o Late Sh. Madan Lal	Green Supervisor (W/C)R UID No. 1708114	Hort.-2	10.02.1966	06.03.1984
3.	Shri Ramniwas S/o Sh. Gainda Ram	OCM(W/C)R UID No.3901121	SMD-4	03.02.1966	19.09.1989
4.	Smt. Rashma Devi W/o Sh. Udho Ram	Coolie(W/C)R UID No.3913007	SMD-4	04.02.1966	15.05.1992



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