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DDA Organises First Stakeholder Consultation under 'Yamuna Dialogues' to Shape a Sustainable Future for the Yamuna Floodplains



As part of the Yamuna Dialogues initiative, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), on 10 July 2026, organised the first Stakeholder Consultation Workshop, a first-of-its-kind multi-stakeholder initiative, in line with the directions of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, to promote a Green and Clean Delhi.

The initiative follows preliminary visits undertaken by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, to the Yamuna floodplains, and subsequent review meetings with senior officials of the DDA, during which he issued directions for tackling pollution in the river through a multi-dimensional approach.

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, emphasised that residents of Delhi, along with experts and other stakeholders, must be actively made partners in the river's rejuvenation, so that the restoration of the Yamuna-especially its floodplains, evolves into a shared civic mission rather than a government-led exercise alone.



The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, had pointed out that the floodplains of the river were openly accessible to the people and their restoration and maintenance had to take into account the usage that they were being subjected to. He had underlined that existing domestic and global best practices could serve as guiding benchmarks, on the way forward.

The Yamuna Dialogues have been conceived by DDA as a collaborative platform to bring together national and international experts and institutions to share global and Indian best practices in river restoration and riverfront development, discuss nature-based solutions for floodplain management, explore innovative financing mechanisms for large-scale ecological infrastructure, and align ongoing efforts with climate resilience and urban sustainability frameworks.

The initiative seeks to facilitate knowledge exchange, strategic partnerships, and the identification of scalable solutions suited to the unique ecological and urban context of the Yamuna.

The Yamuna Dialogues will culminate in two major dialogue sessions, proposed to be held in September 2026 and January 2027, where the Delhi Yamuna Compact a comprehensive roadmap outlining agreed priorities, implementation strategies, and timelines for the restoration of the Yamuna corridor will be deliberated upon and finalized.



The consultation marks the beginning of an extensive participatory process aimed at developing a shared vision for the sustainable restoration, conservation, and development of the Yamuna River floodplains and ghats in Delhi and provide actionable insights for the preparation of the Zero Draft of the Delhi Yamuna Compact.

The workshop brought together government institutions, policymakers, environmental experts, scientists, urban planners, landscape architects, technical institutions and other stakeholders to deliberate on the future of the Yamuna river corridor and identify practical, sustainable and science-based approaches for its long-term restoration and management.

The stakeholder consultation featured detailed discussions on two key themes Floodplain Responsive Planning and Ghat Development. Deliberations focused on designing public infrastructure that works in harmony with the river's natural flood cycles rather than against them, while also exploring environmentally compatible ghat typologies that integrate ecological, cultural, recreational, and religious functions.



The workshop is the first in a series of consultations leading up to the Yamuna Dialogues, with two more stakeholder workshops on themes such as Nature-Based Solutions, Water Quality and Drainage, Financing Models, and Governance proposed in the coming weeks to further enrich the dialogue through wider participation and expert inputs.

The Delhi Development Authority remains committed to restoring the Yamuna as a vibrant ecological corridor while ensuring that future development is environmentally sustainable, scientifically informed and aligned with the aspirations of the people of Delhi, under the continued guidance of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.



Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Chairs Industry Interaction on Strengthening Dwarka as a Major Economic and Commercial Hub

- Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, bats for a clean, non-polluting, and labour-centric industrial ecosystem in Dwarka that generates mass employment for the local workforce.
- Airport proximity, seamless connectivity, and a maturing urban ecosystem make Dwarka investment-ready across sectors, says Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, emphasises urban redevelopment, infrastructure upgradation and planning reforms as key to Delhi's long-term economic growth.
- Industry proposes measures to strengthen Dwarka's investment ecosystem and improve ease of doing business.
- Reaffirms Ease of Doing Business push in line with Hon'ble PM Modi's vision, as Delhi strides towards a Viksit Dilli.
- DDA is continuously taking measures for integrated planning and policy reforms to unlock Dwarka's investment potential.



Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, on 09 July 2026 chaired an interactive session with leading industry representatives on measures to strengthen Dwarka's emergence as a major economic and commercial hub. During the interaction, he emphasised that urban redevelopment and infrastructure upgradation are essential to sustaining Delhi's long-term economic growth. The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, placed particular emphasis on ensuring that Dwarka's industrial growth remains clean, sustainable and non-polluting in character, steering clear of industries that could compromise the sub-city's environmental quality. He stated that the focus should be on fostering a labour-centric industrial base capable of generating large-scale employment opportunities for the local workforce, so that Dwarka's economic rise translates directly into livelihood gains for the people of Delhi.

Reiterating a vision he has consistently articulated for the sub-city, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, once again underlined that Dwarka, as one of Asia's largest planned sub-cities, is uniquely positioned to emerge as a premier destination for investment. He noted that Dwarka's proximity to the international airport, its seamless connectivity, and its maturing urban ecosystem together make it investment-ready across sectors, creating opportunities in commerce, hospitality, healthcare, education and technology.



The interaction was attended by leading industry representatives from the real estate and infrastructure development, hospitality, and healthcare sectors, along with the Vice Chairman, DDA, senior officers of the Government of NCT of Delhi and the Managing Director, ITPO. The session focused on identifying policy and infrastructure interventions to improve ease of doing business, facilitate investments and make Dwarka a more attractive destination for investors.

During the interaction, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, appreciated the constructive suggestions received from industry representatives and observed that planning and development norms, including Floor Area Ratio (FAR), need to be reviewed and rationalised in line with emerging urban requirements. He further underscored that the sector-specific policy measures are needed to enhance Delhi's competitiveness as an investment destination.

Industry representatives suggested creating a more investor-friendly ecosystem in Dwarka and Delhi through improved infrastructure, research and innovation facilities, a streamlined single-window clearance mechanism and simplified approval processes. They also emphasised the need to promote hospitality, tourism and healthcare infrastructure, incentivise knowledge-based industries, IT, ITES and GCCs, strengthen research and development, and leverage MICE infrastructure such as Yashobhoomi and Bharat Mandapam, supported by adequate hotel capacity, to drive investment and economic growth.

Vice Chairman, DDA, reiterated the Authority's commitment to facilitating investment and planned urban development in Dwarka. He informed that DDA has made land available to support future investments and is working closely with stakeholder agencies to streamline approval processes. Referring to the recently approved Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy, formulated under the guidance of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, he stated that the TOD Committee brings together all concerned agencies to facilitate seamless, single-point and time-bound approvals for eligible projects.



Additional Chief Secretary (Industries), Government of Delhi, assured the industry representatives of the Government's commitment to creating an enabling environment for growth and investment in Dwarka and Delhi. He informed that major Ease of Doing Business reforms are underway, including the formulation of a new Industrial Policy, integration of approval processes across departments to simplify clearances, and promotion of research and innovation through appropriate financial support mechanisms.

Furthermore, Secretary Tourism, Government of Delhi, said that initiatives are underway to promote tourism and enhance Delhi's evening economy by developing suitable urban destinations, while sector-specific policy measures are also being examined to support the growth of the tourism and hospitality sectors. To this, MD of ITPO added that development of five-star hotel infrastructure is being considered to strengthen Delhi's hospitality ecosystem, and there is potential for initiatives leveraging major convention and exhibition infrastructure.



Reaffirming the government's commitment to advancing Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of Ease of Doing Business, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, said the administration remains focused on fostering a transparent, efficient, and investor-friendly ecosystem that would drive sustainable growth, generate employment, and strengthen Delhi's march towards a Viksit Dilli.

DDA remains committed to implementing a comprehensive development roadmap for Dwarka Sub-city under the guidance of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. Through integrated planning, infrastructure upgradation and investor-friendly policy interventions, the Authority is working towards positioning Dwarka as a clean, employment-generating, and major investment destination, thereby contributing to the sustained economic growth of the National Capital.



Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Leads Community Plantation Drive at Kamla Nehru Ridge; Urges Youth-Led People's Movement for Ecological Restoration

DDA today organised a massive single-day plantation drive across Delhi, planting over one lakh native trees and shrubs at 77 locations.

- Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, directs DDA to make plantation drives a regular practice and replicate it across other Ridges in the City; asks for such exercises to be driven by the youth and for them, so as to hand over an ecologically rich Delhi to the coming generations of the country; DDA to play a key role in increasing the city's green cover.
- Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, also directs DDA to name a Nodal Officer for all plantation locations, who will be responsible for ensuring the survival of the planted saplings and will be held accountable for the same.
- Indigenous species such as *Anogeissus pendula* (Dhok), *Cassia fistula* (Amaltas), *Butea monosperma* (Dhak) and *Gmelina arborea* (Gamhar) to restore the Ridge's original flora.
- The plantation drive focused on indigenous and climate-resilient species to strengthen biodiversity, restore native ecosystems and enhance Delhi's environmental resilience.



Over one lakh native trees and shrubs were planted across 77 locations in Delhi on 31 July 2026 as part of the Delhi Development Authority's (DDA's) massive single-day plantation drive, one of the Authority's largest coordinated plantation initiatives. Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, led the drive by planting native saplings at Kamla Nehru Ridge.

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, led the drive by planting native saplings at Kamla Nehru Ridge. He was joined by approximately 200 participants, including students from four colleges - St. Stephen's, Hindu, Hans Raj, Maharishi Valmiki; two schools - Mamta Public School (Vikas puri), Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School (Shakti Nagar); morning walkers, and about twenty Resident Welfare Association (RWA) members, reflecting how the initiative has evolved into a people's movement.



Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, directed DDA to make such plantation drives a regular practice and to replicate the model across other Ridges in Delhi. He said that, such exercises should be driven by the youth and should be aimed at them, underlining that this would go a long way in making the future generations stakeholders in preserving and restoring ecology. The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, underlined that it is the responsibility of the present generation to hand over an ecologically rich Delhi to those who come after.

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, further directed that DDA must play an important and proactive role in increasing Delhi's green cover, going beyond one-off drives to build a sustained, youth-led movement for ecological restoration across the Capital. To this effect, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, directed the DDA to appoint Nodal Officers for each plantation site, who would be tasked with the responsibility of ensuring that the saplings planted survive and grow into trees. These Nodal Officers will also be held accountable for the same, he underlined.



Vice Chairman, DDA, along with senior officers of the Authority, also participated in the programme, reflecting DDA's commitment to promoting community participation in environmental conservation.

The plantation at Kamla Nehru Ridge included indigenous species such as *Anogeissus pendula* (Dhok), *Cassia fistula* (Amaltas), *Butea monosperma* (Dhak) and *Gmelina arborea* (Gamhar), all of which are well adapted to Delhi's ecology and contribute significantly to strengthening biodiversity, improving wildlife habitats and enhancing the long-term ecological resilience of the Ridge.

Simultaneous plantation drives were organised at 76 other locations across Delhi, covering parks and green spaces such as Aravalli Biodiversity Park, Aastha Kunj Park, Sanjay Van, green belts and parks at Narela, District Parks at Paschim Puri, Hauz Khas, Vasant Udyan and Dilshad Garden Deer Park, among others.

Over one lakh native trees and shrubs were planted using a diverse mix of indigenous species such as Peepal, Neem, Jamun, Arjun, Shisham, Calendar Tecoma, Bougainvillea, Murraya, Hamelia, Chandni and others, selected in accordance with the approved plantation plans for each site, with emphasis on species best suited to the local ecology and long-term ecosystem restoration.

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, also visited the Serpentine Lake and Butterfly Conservatory, where he reviewed the hydrological restoration works undertaken by DDA to promote water conservation and ecological restoration in the Ridge area.



The plantation drive forms part of DDA's larger afforestation and ecological restoration programme being undertaken during the current monsoon season to expand Delhi's green cover, rejuvenate degraded landscapes and create healthier, more sustainable urban ecosystems for the people of Delhi.

Beyond increasing green cover, the programme will significantly strengthen Delhi's natural infrastructure by enhancing carbon sequestration, filtering airborne particulate matter, reducing dust pollution, moderating local temperatures and mitigating the Urban Heat Island effect. The restored green spaces and Ridge forests will continue to function as vital ecological assets, improving ambient air quality, supporting climate resilience and contributing to healthier and more liveable urban environments.

Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, DDA is undertaking large-scale ecological restoration across Delhi through scientifically planned plantations using indigenous tree and shrub species. The programme forms part of the 70 Lakh Plantation Mission launched by the Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah, under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign on 7 July 2026. Under this mission, DDA has been entrusted with planting 23 lakh indigenous saplings across the National Capital out of which the target for Ridge area in the current plantation season is 1,81,700 trees and shrubs.

Through this sustained ecological restoration programme, DDA reaffirms its commitment to conserving Delhi's native ecosystems, enhancing biodiversity and creating a greener, healthier and more climate-resilient National Capital for present and future generations.



LIST OF OFFICERS AND STAFFS RETIRED IN JULY 2026

S. No,	Name / Father's / Husband's Name	Designation	Place of Posting	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment
1.	Ashwani Kumar Bhalla S/o Sh. Girdhari Lal Bhalla	Dy. Director (Min.) UID No. 0103575	Vigilance V Sadan	29.07.1966	08.05.1987
2.	Smt. Rita Manocha W/o Sh. V.P. Manocha	OCM (W/C) R UID No. 1079081	Hort.-3	26.07.1966	19.09.1989
3.	Jai Singh S/o Sh. Kanhiya Lal	OCM (W/C) R UID No. 7722009	NMD-3 Ashok Vihar	07.07.1966	19.09.1989
4.	Smt. Satyawati W/o Late Sh. Hari Chand	Sr. Mali (R) UID No. 2812008	Hort.-2	13.07.1966	22.09.2010
5.	Smt. Sunheri Devi W/o Late Sh. Tara Chand	Mali (W/C) R UID No. 1706301	Hort.-10	01.08.1966	29.04.1991
6.	Dhiraj Singh S/o Sh. Bhulley Ram	Mali (W/C) R UID No. 3941011	Hort-6	16.07.1966	20.08.1985



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