

# VARANASI

## DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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### VDA Achieves Top Rank in State for Income and Expenditure

Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) has secured the top position among state authorities for income and expenditure in construction and development works for 2023-24. ACS Housing and Urban Planning, Shri Nitin Ramesh Gokarna, honoured VDA's Vice Chairman, Shri Pulkit Garg, with a citation for this achievement.

Under the leadership of Chairman Shri Kaushal Raj Sharma and Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg, VDA surpassed its financial targets. In a program organized by the Additional Chief Secretary in Lucknow, VDA was recognized for its exceptional performance.



#### Key Achievements:

- VDA recovered Rs 272 crores against a target of Rs 266 crores, achieving 103% recovery.
- Property section receipts were Rs 13604 lakh against a target of Rs 13230 lakh (102%).
- Building section receipts were Rs 7590.16 lakh against a target of Rs 6400 lakh (118.60%).
- Miscellaneous receipts were Rs 3409.64 lakh against a target of Rs 413775 lakh (82.40%).
- Expenditure on construction and development was Rs 10132.99 lakh against a budget of Rs 8301.05 lakh (122.07%).

The Vice Chairman congratulated the citizens of Varanasi and VDA personnel for their contributions to this achievement.



The hotel will feature Double B+G+11 floors, a 44.25-meter high building and a 13-meter setback on all sides. It will offer 167 rooms, a 700 sqm banquet hall, a conference room, three meeting rooms, a board room, an all-day restaurant, a multi-cuisine speciality restaurant, two lounges with a swimming pool, bars, and a restaurant, an additional bar, and parking for 150 cars.



## VDA Approves Affordable Housing Scheme in Record Time

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) approved an affordable group housing scheme for 84 flats in less than 96 hours. The project targets the low-income group near Aditya Public School on BHU Naria Susuwahi's main road. The project, proposed by developer Ms Madhuri Singh and others, covers a 2830 sqm plot and includes a basement, stilt, and seven floors, totalling 84 units.

The new affordable housing policy in Uttar Pradesh facilitates higher density and offers various concessions to developers. This project takes advantage of these policies, allowing the construction of flats on a minimum plot of 2,000 square meters with a floor area ratio (FAR) of 2.50

and increased density of up to 800 flats per hectare. The approved scheme includes flats ranging from 49 to 60 sqm, a community centre on the stilt floor, and necessary facilities like washrooms, lifts, and staircases. It also provides parking for 84 cars and adequate two-wheeler parking.

The swift approval process by the VDA supports the provision of affordable housing for the general public and promotes planned development in the area.



## VDA Launches Software for Easy Rent Deposits

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) has launched a new software, [rent.vda.pms.in](http://rent.vda.pms.in), to facilitate the easy deposit of outstanding and monthly rent for VDA properties. On July 20, 2024, the Property Department implemented a new convenience measure by pasting QR codes at the residences of 65 tenants. This allows allottees and tenants to pay their rent directly into the VDA account from home, ensuring a transparent process and reducing the need for frequent visits to the authority.



## VDA Reviews Munshi Premchand Museum Project

On July 29, 2024, VDA Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg chaired a meeting with UPPCL Assistant Project Manager Jaiprakash Singh and Deputy Director of Tourism R.K. Rawat. The proposed conservation and restoration project for the Munshi Premchand Museum in Lamahi is estimated at ₹9.47 crores. The project includes restoration, internal electrification, firefighting systems, plumbing, solar panels, landscaping, pathways, and external electrification.



## VDA Organizes Manoshaala Part-3 for Employee Wellness

On July 19-20, 2024, Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) held Manoshaala Part-3, led by Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg, to promote employee health and well-being. The event included free medical exams, with blood samples from 102 employees and ECG tests conducted for 30 employees. Dr. Saumya Hajela presented the results and provided 15-minute health consultations. Personalized diet charts were given to each employee based on their health reports. The initiative aimed to improve the overall health of VDA staff, enabling them to perform their duties more effectively.





## VDA Hosts Workshop on Public Information

The Varanasi Development Authority organized a one-day workshop on Public Information in its auditorium. Shri Rajesh Kumar Mehta, a retired UP Housing and Development Board expert, conducted training sessions on RTI and departmental proceedings. The workshop also covered training on disciplinary actions. Key attendees included Secretary Dr Ved Prakash Mishra, Joint Secretary and In-charge Officer Public Information Shri Parmanand Yadav, Town Planner Shri Prabhat Kumar, all Zonal Officers, and employees.



## VDA Organizes Workshop on Apartment Act

Following the instructions of Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg, the Varanasi Development Authority held a workshop on the "Apartment Act" on July 26, 2024. The event occurred in the Authority's auditorium and was led by Shri Rajesh Kumar Mehta, a retired director from the UP Housing and Development Board, Lucknow. Attendees included Additional Secretary Shri Gudakesh Sharma, Joint Secretary Shri Parmanand Yadav, City Planner Shri Prabhat Kumar, all zonal officers, VDA employees, the President of CREDAI, the President of the Building Association, builders, and the Assistant Registrar of Firms, Societies, and Chits.



## Vice Chairman Conducts Surprise Inspection of VDA

On July 25, 2024, Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg conducted a surprise inspection of all sections of the Varanasi Development Authority. During the inspection, several employees were found absent, including Sanjay Kumar Tiwari, Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, Mahadev Prasad, Dinesh Kumar Singh, Sikandar Kumar, Poonam Rawat, Prachi Singh, Aarti Chaurasia, and Sachin Malviya. As a result, their salaries were withheld for one day, and they were asked to explain their absences.

The Vice Chairman emphasized the importance of punctuality, cleanliness, and orderly file management. Additionally, instructions were given to ensure all personnel have nameplates with their designation displayed at their workstations.





## VDA Cracks Down on Illegal Construction and Plotting

Following the board meeting on July 4, 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) intensified its actions against illegal construction and unplanned development. Dissatisfied with previous measures, the board mandated stricter enforcement.

Since the meeting, VDA identified 170 new illegal constructions, halted their progress, issued notices, and notified local police. Sixty-one illegal constructions have been sealed and handed over to police custody. Significant actions include demolishing Purushottam Agarwal's building in Sikraul ward and partially sealing two commercial hotels, Banaras Kothi and Hotel River Palace.

In July, FIRs were lodged against several offenders, including Rajesh Jaiswal for an illegal hotel in Nagwa, Gayatri Devi for breaking a seal to resume construction, and Girdhari Patel for illegal plotting in Maruti Nagar. Post-July, VDA demolished illegal plotting on 184.76 hectares across 46 sites.

The VDA remains committed to combating illegal construction and urges the public to obtain proper approvals before commencing any construction work.

## वाराणसी विकास प्राधिकरण, वाराणसी।

दिनांक 04.07.24 से 27.07.24 तक की गयी प्रवर्तन की कार्यवाही का विवरण

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## VDA Approves Five-Star Hotel Expansion in Record Time

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) approved the expansion of a five-star hotel in less than 100 hours. Located along the Pandeypur to Azamgarh road in Ward-Sarnath, the hotel will expand from Double B+G+8 floors to Double B+G+12 floors, increasing the number of rooms from 196 to 302. The building's height will rise from 35 meters to 49.8 meters, with a setback of 14 meters on all sides.

Developer Shri Hiralal Jaiswal obtained an additional FAR, increasing it from 2.5 to 3.5. This expansion will generate Rs. 1.31 crores in revenue for the VDA. The project enhances Varanasi's infrastructure, providing world-class tourist facilities and promoting vertical city development.



## VDA to Launch Online Sealing and NOC Facility

Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) will soon offer an online service for sealing and issuing no objection certificates (NOCs) for land acquisition. This initiative will allow the public to check from home if their land is acquired under the Urban Land (Ceiling Regulation) Act, 1976, or by the VDA.

Verifying land status requires visiting the VDA office, which is time-consuming. To address this, VDA is developing a portal that provides clear online information about land acquisition status and land use. This builds on the online land use web portal launched during the 131st board meeting, which allows users to check land use by entering the plot number and village name.



The new portal will enhance transparency and accessibility, offering detailed information on whether land is included in declared vacant lands or unclaimed under the City Land (Ceiling Regulation) Act, 1976.



## VDA Holds Notice Hearing and Map Disposal Camp

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) organized a "Notice Hearing and Map Disposal Camp" led by Vice Chairman Shri Pulkit Garg. The camp issued 25 No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from the Planning Section and 20 from the Sealing Section. Five new mitigation map applications were received, and 11 previously filed maps were processed, generating Rs 1.44 crore in map fees, with Rs 5 lakh deposited into the Authority Fund during the camp. A total of 135 individuals attended, addressing 112 notice cases. VDA will hold these camps every Thursday in the VDA Auditorium to streamline map and notice case processing.



### Inspection of Ropeway Utility Shifting by District Magistrate and Vice Chairman

The District Magistrate and Vice Chairman inspected Church Square's ropeway utility shifting site. Emphasizing the smooth conduct of the Kavariya Yatra, they directed that work progress should not cause inconvenience to the public. Necessary instructions were given to relevant departments. During the inspection, the Secretary, the Ropeway Team, and representatives from Jalkal, Municipal Corporation, and the Electricity Department were present.



### Vice Chairman Inspects Ongoing Works in Sarnath

On 22/07/2024, Shri Pulkit Garg, Vice Chairman of Varanasi Development Authority, inspected the ongoing works in Sarnath. He provided: Guidelines for raising bollards from Dharmapala Square to 10 Number Road. Installing a post lamp and signage board in front of the bus stand. Stopping traffic on both sides of Dharmapala Road. The executive engineer, assistant engineer, junior engineer, and KK construction team were present during the inspection.



### Beautification of Munshi Prem Chand Memorial by VDA

Varanasi Development Authority, under the direction of Vice Chairman Pulkit Garg, will beautify the Munshi Prem Chand Memorial using the infrastructure fund. This includes installing 1,030 street lights across various routes: Mahadev Nagar Park (8 LED flood lights), DIG Nagar Park (12 LED), Lalpur Awasiya Yojna to Azamgarh NH (102 LED), Sant Atulanand to National Highway Road (190 LED), Nadesar Mosque to Chowkaghat (43 LED), Ashapuri to Suheldev Tiraha (78 LED), and Chowkaghat Tiraha to Khidkiya Ghat and Padanv Square (192 LED). Additionally, Chandpur Square to Manduadih Police Station (63 LEDs) and Mudaila to Manduadih Square (174 LEDs) will be maintained by the Municipal Corporation from 12/07/2024.





## VDA Introduces New Property Management Software

The vice chairman held a joint meeting with the property section and computer programmers to demonstrate the new property management software. This system will consolidate all property files, allowing users to register, view details, and pay dues online. The Vice Chairman expressed dissatisfaction with the Property Section's recovery progress and directed the Secretary to review it weekly. He emphasized the need for strict action against major defaulters, including sealing their properties if payments are not made.



## VDA Cracks Down on Unauthorized Basement Activities

In response to government directives, the Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) launched a campaign against unauthorized commercial activities in basements across all zones. Inspections at 45 locations revealed unauthorized use at 14 sites, sealed immediately, and notices were issued at 19 other locations.

In Zone-1, Ward Shivpur, unauthorized basements of Shivam Institute, Akanksha Self Study Library, Shubham Digital Library, and NR Institute were sealed. Zone-2, Sarnath, saw the sealing of SS Tutorial, Mahadevnagar Ashapuri Sarnath, and Asha Academy Balua Road Sarnath, with notices to others. Zone-4 targeted JRS Coaching, Rakshak Academy, Design Coaching, and My Classes Kabirnagar. In Zone-5, Privel Coaching Classes in Mughalsarai were sealed.

VDA will continue enforcing regulations under the Uttar Pradesh Town Planning and Development Act 1973.



## VDA Enforces Regulations, Demolishes Unauthorized Hotel

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) demolished the unauthorized Hotel River Palace in Budh Vihar Colony, Ward-Sikraul, Varanasi. It was initially approved as a residential building of 209 sqm in 1999 by the developer, Md. Jafar Ali exceeded the sanctioned area and constructed a multi-storeyed hotel, violating green belt regulations. Despite several notices and appeals, the unauthorized construction continued.



### Key highlights:

- The unauthorized construction was sealed in 2005, and a demolition order was passed in 2016.
- Multiple appeals and a writ petition were filed, but the VDA's demolition order was upheld.
- On 21/07/2024, an FIR was registered against the builder, and electricity and water connections were cut off on 19/07/2024.
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The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) has taken decisive action against the unauthorized Hotel Banaras Kothi in Budh Vihar Colony, Ward-Sikraul, Varanasi, and initially approved it as a residential building in 2012; the developer, Md. Jafar Ali exceeded the sanctioned area and constructed a multi-storeyed hotel, violating green belt regulations. Despite several notices and appeals, the unauthorized construction continued.

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## **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-2, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) Zone-2, led by the Vice Chairman, demolished illegal plotting activities in Ward-Sarnath. In Mauza-Milkapur, near the ring road, unauthorized plotting by Monu Singh and Batuk Singh on approximately 4 bighas was demolished. An FIR complaint was lodged against the illegal plotters at Police Station Sarnath. Similarly, in Mauza-Barai, illegal plotting by Pappu Yadav on 4 bighas, previously demolished, was being redeveloped and faced demolition again on 22/07/2024. An FIR complaint was also filed. Zonal Officer Sanjeev Kumar and Junior Engineer J.P. Gupta were present.



The Vice Chairman urged the public to purchase only VDA-approved plots and refrain from unapproved construction to avoid strict penalties.



## **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-5, Seals Illegal Construction**

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) Zone-5 conducted demolition and sealing actions against illegal constructions. An unauthorized plot on 5 bighas behind Ward-Ramnagar Police Station, Mauja-Bhinti Panchvati, was demolished on 22 July 2024 with the help of the enforcement team and police force. Mukhtar Ahmed Jamal's construction on Arazi number 312 in Mauza-Mirzapur Khurd was also sealed. Despite submitting a mitigation map, it was rejected due to its proximity within 200 meters of the HFL line. The construction was sealed on 22/07/2024 and handed over to police custody for continuous monitoring. Zonal Officer Prakash Kumar and Junior Engineer P.N. Dubey were present.



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The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) Zone-5 enforcement team carried out sealing proceedings against unauthorized construction by Bablu Chaurasia in Mauja Rasulaganj, Tengra Mod to Narayanpur Road, Thana-Adalhat, Ward-Ramnagar. Notice proceedings were initiated on 27/05/2024 under relevant sections of the UP Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. Despite being allowed to get the map approved, the party failed to comply, leading to the sealing of the unauthorized construction. The site was handed over to police custody for continuous monitoring. During the sealing, Zonal Officer Prakash Kumar and Junior Engineer P.N. Dubey were present.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-3, Seals Illegal Construction**

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) enforcement team for Zone 3 carried out sealing proceedings against unauthorized construction. In Ward-Dashaswamedh, Shri Pappu Jaiswal demolished an old building and reconstructed G+2 floors without approval. The illegal construction continued despite show-cause notices under Sections 27, 28(1), and 28(2) of the UP Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. Consequently, the construction was sealed on July 12, 2024, under Section 28(a) of the Act. Additionally, Sanjay Vahi's construction at Sigra was sealed after he exceeded the approved B+G+2 floors by adding a fourth floor. Secretary Dr Ved Prakash Mishra, Zonal Officer Saurav Dev Prajapati, and Junior Engineer Ashok Kumar Tyagi were present during the sealing.





### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-1, Seals Illegal Construction**

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) enforcement team for Zone-1, led by Additional Secretary Gudakesh Sharma, took action against illegal construction. In Ward-Sikraul, the illegal construction by Sachin Singh at Suryansh Hospital, which had previously been sealed, was re-sealed after the seal was broken. A complaint has also been filed with the police station for registering a First Information Report. Zonal Officer Singh Gaurav Jaiprakash and Assistant Engineer Ambrish Sharma were present during the action.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-4, Seals Illegal Construction**

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) took decisive action against unauthorized constructions in Zone 4. On July 29, 2024, VDA sealed two major illegal constructions. Rita Kumari's G+3 floor building on a 465.15 sqm plot and Saddam Hussain's third-floor construction affecting setbacks on Brij Enclave Kalani were both sealed. These actions were carried out under sections 27, 28(i), and 28(ii) of the Uttar Pradesh Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. The sites are now under continuous police monitoring.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-4, Seals Illegal Construction**

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) took action against illegal construction in Zone 4. Under Ward-Nagwan, Meenu Rai's temporary construction on a steel structure near Gangotri Vihar was sealed. This enforcement was carried out under Sections 27, 28(1), and 28(2) of the Uttar Pradesh Town Planning and Development Act, 1973. During the sealing, Zonal Officer Pramod Tiwari and Junior Engineer RK Singh were present.





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### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-2, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

The Varanasi Development Authority (VDA) enforcement team in Zone-2 demolished illegal constructions before Ward-Sarnath Thana-Chaubepur Mauja-Ganj Chaukhandi Stupa and near Thana-Sarnath. Without map approval, Lalchand Yadav developed illegal plotting on 15 Biswas and an unknown person on 6 Bighas under Mauja-Sandha, Ring Road Thana-Chaubepur. Violations of Sections 14 and 15 of the UP Town Planning and Development Act 1973 led to demolition on 19th July 2024. A complaint was also filed with Thana-Chaubepur regarding registering a First Information Report against the developers. Zonal Officer Sanjeev Kumar, Junior Engineer Jai Prakash Gupta, and enforcement team members, along with the police force, were present during the action.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-2, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

On 30th July 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-2 demolished illegal plotting on 5 bighas by Vishal Yadav and Ishta Dev Pandey in Ward-Sarnath, Police Station-Sarnath, Mauja-Vyaspur. The action was carried out with the assistance of the police force. During the demolition, Zonal Officer Sanjeev Kumar and Junior Engineer J.P. Gupta were present.





### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-1, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

On 12th July 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-1 demolished unauthorized plotting in Ward-Shivpur, Police Station-Shivpur, Mauja-Tarna. Illegal plotting on 3526 square meters of ceiling land and two-and-a-half bighas nearby was identified and demolished. The boundary wall was taken down with the help of the enforcement team and police force. Zonal Officer Singh Gaurav Jaiprakash, Assistant Engineer Ambrish Kumar Sharma, and all supervisors were present.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-5, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

On 18th July 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority's enforcement team in Zone-5 demolished unauthorized plotting in Ward-Mughalsarai, Mauja-Karwat, District-Chandauli. The illegal development on about 03 bighas, done without map approval, violated relevant sections 14 and 15 of the UP Town Planning and Development Act 1973. The demolition was carried out with the help of the enforcement team and police force. Zonal Officer Mr. Prakash Kumar, Junior Engineer Mr P.N. Dubey, and all supervisors were present.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-4, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

On 23rd July 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority's Zone-4 enforcement team demolished unauthorized plotting on 40 bighas in Ward-Nagwan, Mauja-Pahadi. The illegal development by Manoj Patel, Pradeep Patel, and others lacked layout approval. The demolition was conducted with the assistance of the enforcement team and police force. Zonal Officer Mr Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Junior Engineers Mr RK Singh and Mr Ajay Kumar Jain, and all supervisors were on the spot.





### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-2, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

On 25th July 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority's Zone-2 enforcement team demolished unauthorized plotting on 3 bighas in Ward-Sarnath, Mauza-Barai, developed by Manoranjan Pandey, without layout approval. Additionally, an illegal construction by Sunil Choubey in Ward-Sarnath, Mauza-Faridpur (near Ring Road) was sealed. The actions were taken with the help of the enforcement team and police force. Zonal Officer Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Junior Engineer Mr. J.P. Gupta, and all supervisors were present on the spot.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-1, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

On 29th July 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority's Zone-1 enforcement team demolished the unauthorized BS Lawn constructed within 50 meters of the Varuna River in Ward-Sikroul. The lawn, spanning about 26 biswas and used for commercial purposes by Rajaram Yadav, Heera Yadav, and Munna Lal Yadav, violated the green belt designation in the Master Plan-2031. The demolition was led by Joint Secretary Parmanand Yadav, Zonal Officers Singh Gaurav Jaiprakash and Sanjeev Kumar, and Junior Engineers Atul Mishra, Ambrish Sharma, J.P. Gupta, and Vinod Kumar. The Vice Chairman emphasized that illegal green belt construction will not be tolerated.



### **VDA Enforces Regulations in Zone-2, Demolishes Unauthorized Plotting**

On 26th July 2024, the Varanasi Development Authority's Zone-2 enforcement team demolished illegal plotting on approximately 2 bighas by Om Prakash Yadav and others in Ward-Sarnath, Police Station-Chaubepur, Mauja-Sandha. The demolition was carried out with the assistance of the police force. Zonal Officer Sanjeev Kumar and Junior Engineer J.P. Gupta were present during the operation.





**IMPORTANT ADVISORY:** Varanasi Development Authority VDA urges all the citizens of Varanasi to refrain from buying or selling properties with illegal constructions or plotting. All citizens are also advised to secure mandatory map approvals before any construction activity to avoid engaging in illegal construction practices.

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