

## DDA plans heritage walk in Sanjay Van, Mehrauli park

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**New Delhi:** Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is set to organise a heritage week from April 13-18, aimed at bringing people closer to nature while raising awareness about lesser-known heritage sites in the city.

The event, in association with MyGov India to mark International Day for Monuments and Sites, will see participation from hundreds of students of Delhi govt schools. A series of guided heritage walks and interactive activities have been planned at convenient timings to encourage maximum student participation. MyGov India is a platform that fosters collaboration between citizens and govt through technology for national development.

“Activities will be held at sites such as Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Sanjay Van, among others, with a focus on engaging young citizens with Delhi’s rich historical landscape,” an official said.

Officials said Mehrauli Archaeological Park will host walks, photography competitions, exhibitions and cultural programmes. DDA has partnered with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for an exhibition and documentation of conservation efforts in Mehrauli. “The event is expected to bring together heritage lovers,” the official said.

Spread across 200 acres adjacent to Qutub Minar, the park has over 100 monuments spanning nearly a millennium. Maintained by DDA, it includes the Jamali Kamali mosque, tomb of Balban and Rajon Ki Baoli.

Contests on student dialogues, sketching, story writing and exhibitions on April 18 will mark the end of the event.

# DDA to organise cultural event at Mehrauli Archaeological Park

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The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is planning to organise a mega cultural event at Mehrauli Archaeological Park, featuring performances by artists from across the country, officials said on Thursday.

The multi-state event, themed around Baisakhi, is expected to host around 400 guests, who will be served a wide variety of festive snacks amid music and other festivities. The final date of the event is yet to be finalised.

Baisakhi is a harvest festival celebrated in north India, mainly Punjab, around April 14.

The event at Mehrauli Archaeological Park is part of a broader initiative of the land-owning agency to create public spaces that not only reflect Delhi's identity but also actively bring people together through shared experiences.

Nearly 100 artists, around 15 from each participating state, will perform at the venue. Assam, West Bengal, Odisha,

Punjab, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are the states that are participating in the event.

According to the plan, waterproof tents, vanity vans, portable toilets, floodlights, and other arrangements are being made for the multi-state event.

Earlier this year, DDA hosted an event at 'Baansera' park near Sarai Kale Khan, the authority also plans to appoint an event management company to curate, manage and execute a comprehensive annual calendar of events at designated locations in Delhi.

Food will play a central role in the celebration, with a diverse spread of regional dishes planned. From eastern India, offerings will include jhol momos with sesame gravy, Kolkata paneer kathi roll, beetroot chop and jhalmuri.

The assortment of snacks would also include Gujarati Dabeli, Khandvi Rolls and Khaman Dhokla, from Punjab Pindi Dahi Bhalla, Bhutteyan di Tikki (Corn Fritters) and Tille Wali Kulfi among others.

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# DDA to connect citizens with city's rich heritage

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The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has organised a week-long programme starting April 13 to connect the people of Delhi, especially the youth, with the rich heritage of the national Capital.

The Heritage Week includes promotion of art, culture and heritage awareness, and the civic authority has partnered with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for an exhibition/documentation of conservation efforts taken in the Mehrauli area, the DDA said on Friday.

Through the Heritage Week, DDA seeks to deepen public awareness and pride in Delhi's heritage assets, encourage community participation and youth engagement, showcase its ongoing efforts in heritage conservation and urban ecology, and foster a stronger sense of ownership.

The larger objective is to inspire the public across age groups to value, experience, and actively participate in preserving the cultural and historical identity of the city.



Vice Chairman, DDA N Saravana Kumar said, "Delhi's heritage is a living legacy that must remain central to the city's future. Through Heritage Week, DDA seeks to strengthen public connection, especially among the youth, with these invaluable historical spaces. Our continued focus is to ensure that heritage conservation, ecological restoration, and public place-making move together as integral elements of Delhi's balanced and sustainable urban development."

The week-long initiative includes student engagement activities, a photography competition, a student dialogue competition, a sketching and drawing competition, a story-writing activity, exhibitions and a cultural night programme.



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