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### DDA Concludes 'Ruh-e-Dilli' Heritage Week 2026 with Cultural Finale at Mehrauli Archaeological Park



Delhi Development Authority (DDA) successfully concluded its week-long Heritage Week 2026 celebrations on 18 April 2026 at Mehrauli Archaeological Park, marking the International Day for Monuments and Sites with a vibrant blend of cultural, educational, and community-driven activities.

Organised from 13 to 18 April 2026, the initiative aimed to promote awareness about Delhi's rich cultural and architectural heritage, particularly among young students. The week witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, heritage enthusiasts, and the general public through a series of engaging activities including heritage walks, dialogue and story writing competitions, and sketching and drawing contests.



In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, DDA partnered with MyGov, the Government of India's citizen engagement platform, to host an online photography competition, inviting participants from across the country to capture the beauty of Mehrauli Archaeological Park. Additionally, DDA collaborated with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to present an exhibition showcasing conservation and restoration efforts undertaken in the Mehrauli area.



The celebrations culminated on 18 April with a prize distribution ceremony recognising outstanding student talent, followed by an exhibition of selected works. The evening concluded with a mesmerizing Qawwali performance by the renowned **Niazi Nizami Brothers**, creating a soulful and immersive cultural experience against the historic backdrop of the park.

The performance brought together music, heritage, and community spirit, leaving the audience enthralled. The event was attended by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, along with senior officials and citizens.



Through Heritage Week 2026, DDA reaffirmed its commitment to preserving and promoting Delhi's historic legacy while fostering a deeper connection between citizens and the city's heritage spaces. The initiative also highlighted the importance of engaging younger generations in appreciating and safeguarding India's rich cultural heritage.



**Lt. Governor Reviews Key Infrastructure Projects in Dwarka, Outlines Vision for Global Hub**



Hon'ble Lt Governor of Delhi Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu undertook an extensive review of major DDA infrastructure projects in Dwarka Sub-City.

Ensure the best global civic infrastructure and services in all areas and projects under the jurisdiction of DDA- LG

Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu underscored Dwarka's Strategic Connectivity and World-Class Infrastructure; Envisioned Global Hub for Conventions, Business, and Cultural Engagements.

Key site visits included Storm Water Channels No. 2 & 5, IT and ITES hub sites, Golf Course at Sector-24, Yashobhoomi Convention Centre and a 5-star Hotel – a Special Licence Fee Project at Sector-23 Dwarka.

Emphasized public-centric, sustainable, and future-ready development to enhance Ease of Living in Delhi.

DDA directed to conceptualize more landmark projects focused on urban beautification, green mobility, recreation, and civic infrastructure.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, conducted an extensive review of key public infrastructure and urban development projects executed by DDA in Dwarka on 01 April 2026. The visit focused on transforming the sub-city into a vibrant hub for international events, business, and cultural engagement. Vice Chairman, DDA, Shri N. Saravana Kumar, along with other senior officials, was also present.

As part of the review, Hon'ble Lt. Governor carried out key site visits to Storm Water Channels No. 2 & 5, Golf Course project at Sector-24, and 5 Star Hotel Project- a Special Licence Fee Project at Sector-23. The focus of the visit was Dwarka sub-city, one of Delhi's most prominent planned urban zones, which has emerged as a benchmark for integrated infrastructure, green mobility, modern public amenities, and quality urban living. to assess the quality, utility, and long-term public impact of these transformative projects. At the outset, Hon'ble LG, directed DDA to ensure the availability and development of best global civic infrastructure and services in all areas and projects under it.



Highlighting Dwarka's strategic advantages, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor said, "Dwarka has the potential to emerge as a premier destination for global engagements, given its excellent connectivity through UER-II, proximity to IGI Airport, and world-class infrastructure such as Yashobhoomi, upcoming Bharat Vandana Park, and the Golf Course. A comprehensive roadmap must be developed to position these assets as vibrant centres for international conventions, exhibitions, cultural festivals, and business summits. We must actively invite multinational companies, global institutions, and embassies to organize events here, including CEO roundtables and high-level conferences, supported by robust digital and social infrastructure suited for modern corporate ecosystems."

During the visit, Hon'ble Lt Governor appreciated DDA's efforts in creating world-class public infrastructure that directly enhances Ease of Living for residents while contributing to the beautification and modernization of Delhi's urban landscape. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor reiterated his vision of development-led governance, underscoring that infrastructure projects must improve everyday life for residents through better recreation, mobility, green spaces, and public services, while adding to the physical assets of the city.



He further directed officials to prepare a holistic and time-bound roadmap for leveraging Dwarka’s strategic location and infrastructure by promoting it as a hub for multinational events and investments; to actively engage with global corporations, embassies, and stakeholders for hosting conventions, film festivals, exhibitions, and cultural programmes

Among the projects reviewed, the Storm Water Channels No. 2 and No. 5 project is a significant urban transformation and rejuvenation initiative that has converted critical drainage infrastructure into green recreational corridors with cycling tracks, walkways, public plazas, solar installations, and community amenities, while simultaneously strengthening sewage treatment and pollution abatement systems.

Hon’ble Lt. Governor further reviewed the 05-star Hotel project in Sector-23 – a special project on annual license fee model in which the selected bidder will develop, build, finance, operate and transfer a hotel, with a minimum of 200 lettable rooms.



Subsequently, at Sector-26, Dwarka, he reviewed the proposed sites for the development of an IT & ITES Hub along UER-II (Part-D), strategically located near the upcoming ICC Metro Station. He also visited the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre and its surrounding areas, assessing their potential for hosting large-scale national and international events.

In the final leg of his visit, he visited the Golf Course at Sector-24 Dwarka, which is one of India’s longest and most comprehensive public golf facilities, featuring an 18-hole championship course along with six short holes and the longest driving range in India. Designed as a Pay & Play international-quality sporting destination, the project is intended to promote sports culture and nurture young golfers.

Under the guidance of Hon’ble Lt Governor of Delhi and Chairman, DDA, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, DDA remains committed to its larger vision of planned, inclusive, and sustainable urban development, with a focus on creating robust infrastructure, modern public amenities, green mobility networks, and iconic civic spaces that improve the quality of life for every resident of Delhi while keeping the history of the city intact.



## DDA Concludes First-Ever National Hackathon “Harit Manthan 2026,” Driving Innovation for Urban Green Spaces

In a landmark initiative aimed at reimagining urban ecology, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), in collaboration with the Udhmodya Foundation the startup ecosystem of the University of Delhi successfully concluded its first-ever national-level hackathon, Harit Manthan 2026 on , April 19, 2026. Held on April 17 and 18 in New Delhi, the event brought together some of the brightest young minds from across the country to develop innovative solutions for sustainable urban green spaces.

The hackathon marked a significant step in DDA’s evolving approach to environmental sustainability and urban planning. As one of India’s largest custodians of ecological infrastructure—managing over 16,000 acres of parks, biodiversity zones, and city forests—DDA has increasingly focused on integrating technology-driven, scalable solutions into its operations.



The second day of the event was inaugurated by the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Sardar Taranjit Singh Sandhu, who highlighted the importance of youth-led innovation in shaping the future of cities. Emphasising the need for fresh perspectives, he noted that sustainable urban development must be driven by ideas that are both innovative and grounded in real-world challenges.

Shri N. Saravana Kumar, Vice Chairman, DDA, underscored that Harit Manthan is not a one-time initiative but part of a long-term institutional vision. He reiterated DDA’s commitment to creating platforms that encourage experimentation, enabling solutions to be tested, refined, and eventually implemented at scale within the Authority’s ecosystem.

The hackathon witnessed participation from nearly 50 teams representing 31 colleges across seven states. Participants competed across two tracks—Technology and Policy—offering diverse approaches to addressing urban ecological challenges. Day one focused on mentorship, with experts from DDA and the University of Delhi guiding shortlisted teams to enhance the practicality, scalability, and financial viability of their ideas. The final day featured presentations before an esteemed jury, where teams showcased their solutions.

The event was also graced by Dr. Payal Mago, Director of Campus of Open Learning, University of Delhi, and Dr. Abhishek Tandon, CEO of Udhmodya Foundation. Their presence highlighted the strength of collaboration between academia and government, reinforcing the importance of structured platforms in nurturing student innovation for public impact.

The hackathon concluded with the recognition of the top three teams—two from the Technology track and one from the Policy track. The winners were awarded seed funding of up to ₹10 lakh by DDA, along with incubation support from Udhmodya Foundation. Their solutions stood out for their originality, practicality, and potential for real-world implementation.

In a notable move, DDA extended support beyond the winners. All participating teams will have the opportunity to further develop their ideas in collaboration with Udhmodya Foundation, with promising projects potentially receiving funding in the future. This approach ensures that the momentum generated during the hackathon continues to translate into tangible outcomes.

Harit Manthan 2026 represents a defining moment in DDA’s journey toward addressing urban ecological challenges. By placing youth, innovation, and collaboration at its core, the initiative lays the foundation for a more sustainable and resilient Delhi, while establishing a model for future engagements in urban development.



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

S. No.	Name /Father’s/Husband’s Name S/Shri/Smt.	Designation & UID No.	Place of posting	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment
1.	Anil Kumar Chhikara S/o Sh. Kanwar Singh	Tehsildar UID No. 0404036	NL-II,S&S-II	05.04.1966	25.04.1988
2.	Bhagirath Sharma S/o Sh. Biraspati Sharma	S/G(W/C)R UID No. 8126017	DPD-4	18.04.1966	19.09.1989
3.	Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Umed Singh	SCD UID No. 1403173	Commr(P)	04.04.1966	19.09.1989
4.	Md. Abul Hussain Ansari S/o Late Md. Anamul Haque Ansari	Khallasi (W/C)R UID No. 5301071	ELD-6	01.05.1966	19.09.1989





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