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Hon'ble Lt. Governor Shri V.K. Saxena leads the revival of the historic Sheesh Mahal and adjoining heritage precinct in Shalimar Bagh

Project undertaken under DDA's Heritage Renewal Initiative with guidance from ASI

Enhanced with eco-sensitive landscaping, water conservation features, and cultural tourism facilities

Inauguration attended by senior dignitaries from Central, State, and local administration

On 2 July 2025, under the dynamic leadership and vision of Hon'ble Lt. Governor Shri V.K. Saxena, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) unveiled the magnificently restored Sheesh Mahal and surrounding Mughal-era heritage structures in Shalimar Bagh, North Delhi. Once neglected for decades, the monument has been meticulously restored in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to its former architectural splendour.

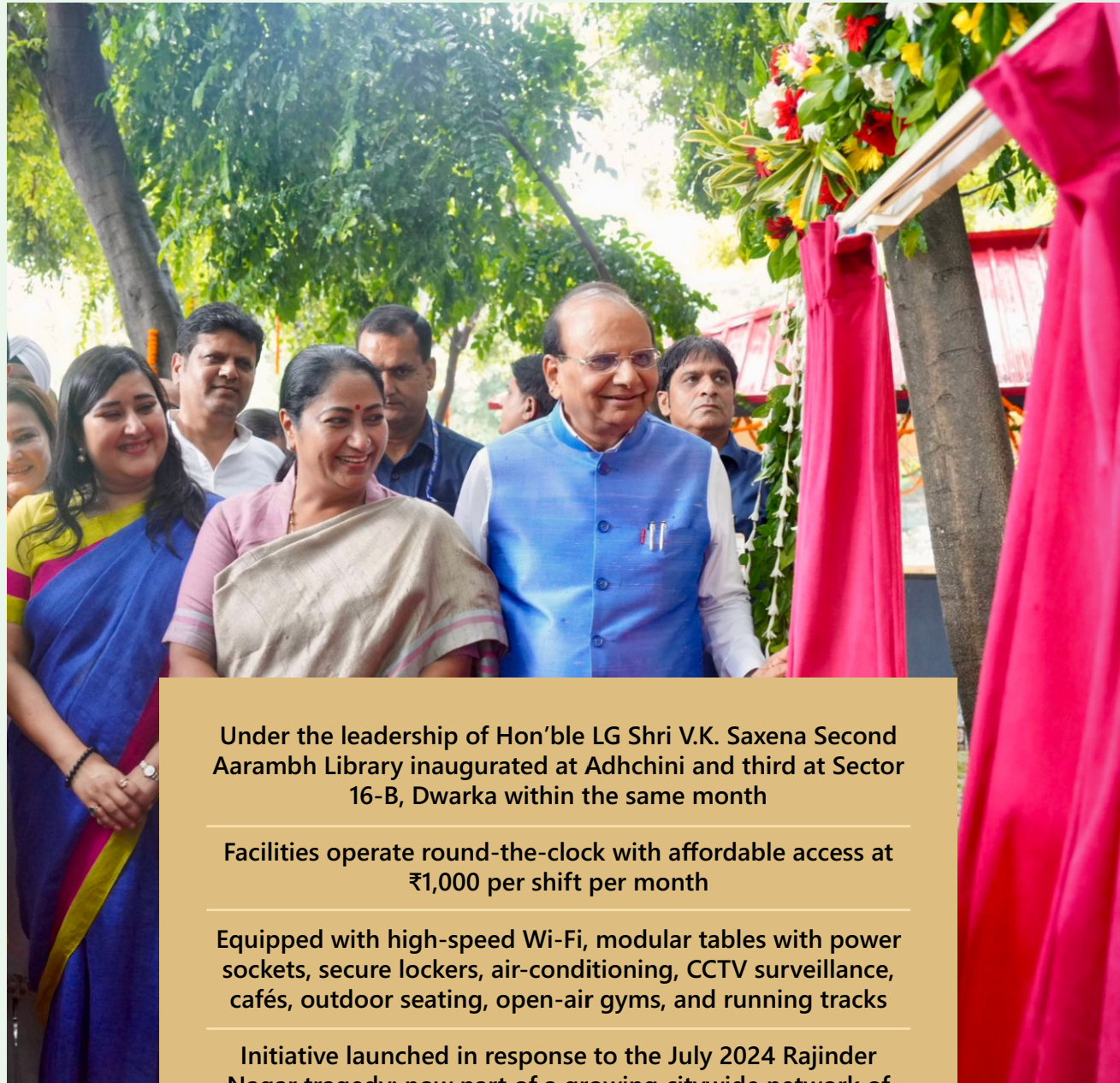


The rejuvenated complex now boasts re-laid sandstone pathways, restored water fountains, lush native gardens, and atmospheric lighting that brings the structure alive after dusk. Innovative eco-friendly measures such as rainwater harvesting and solar lighting have been integrated to preserve the site's sustainability. Multilingual signage, ticketed guided tours, and audio guide systems aim to position Sheesh Mahal as a premier cultural tourism destination.

The inauguration, graced by Hon'ble Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta, Hon'ble LG Shri V.K. Saxena, Area MP Shri Praveen Khandelwal, and senior officers from DDA and GNCTD, symbolised a strong collective resolve to protect Delhi's heritage. Hon'ble LG Shri Saxena personally toured the site with conservation teams, appreciating the faithful restoration to Mughal-era craftsmanship and expressing his commitment to making Delhi's heritage a living legacy for future generations.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor Shri V.K. Saxena Launches 24x7 'Aarambh' Libraries at Adhchini Village & Sector 16-B, Dwarka



Under the leadership of Hon'ble LG Shri V.K. Saxena Second Aarambh Library inaugurated at Adhchini and third at Sector 16-B, Dwarka within the same month

Facilities operate round-the-clock with affordable access at ₹1,000 per shift per month

Equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi, modular tables with power sockets, secure lockers, air-conditioning, CCTV surveillance, cafés, outdoor seating, open-air gyms, and running tracks

Initiative launched in response to the July 2024 Rajinder Nagar tragedy; now part of a growing citywide network of state-of-the-art libraries

In a decisive step towards reshaping the academic infrastructure of Delhi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor Shri V.K. Saxena has accelerated the rollout of the 'Aarambh' Library network - a flagship initiative of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) aimed at providing safe, affordable, and high-quality study environments for students. In the series at the first anniversary of the tragic incident in July 2024, where three students preparing for civil services lost their lives in flooded basement reading rooms in Rajinder Nagar within the month of July 2025 alone, two major facilities were launched - the Aarambh Library at Adhchini Village in South Delhi on 10 July, and the Aarambh Library at Sector 16-B, Dwarka on 28 July, bringing the total operational branches to three, alongside the first centre at Old Rajinder Nagar.



The Aarambh Library at Adhchini, inaugurated jointly by Hon'ble LG Shri Saxena and Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Rekha Gupta, caters to the dense student population in the area, many of whom are aspirants for competitive examinations. Designed to operate 24x7, the facility accommodates 60 students per shift, enabling 180 users daily across three 8-hour sessions, each available at a nominal fee of ₹1,000 per month. Inside, students benefit from ergonomic modular study tables with built-in pop-up power sockets, seamless high-speed Wi-Fi, secure lockers, and designated resource display units with racks for newspapers and magazines. The fully air-conditioned, brightly lit interiors are complemented by a cafeteria, outdoor seating areas, and an open-air gymnasium, creating a holistic environment that balances academic focus with physical well-being. CCTV surveillance, separate washrooms for men and women, and an accessible toilet ensure security, inclusivity, and comfort.



Just eighteen days later, the Aarambh Library at Sector 16-B, Dwarka was inaugurated by Hon'ble LG Shri Saxena at an event attended by Hon'ble MLA Shri Sandeep Sehrawat and senior DDA officials. This third branch marks a significant achievement in adaptive reuse a previously underutilised community hall transformed into a modern, multi-functional Library-cum-Reading Room. With an overall seating capacity of 200 students (66 per shift), the Dwarka facility also operates 24x7 and offers the same affordable shift-based enrolment. Alongside high-speed Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, and secure lockers, the library features 'Café Vardaan', outdoor seating, an open-air gymnasium, and a running track ensuring that mental and physical well-being

go hand in hand. Like its predecessors, it is fitted with CCTV surveillance, separate washrooms, and barrier-free access for persons with disabilities.

Under the Hon'ble LG's leadership, the DDA has adopted a strategic model of repurposing underutilised community halls and centres into fully-equipped libraries. This not only optimises public infrastructure but also strengthens the city's educational ecosystem. With operational centres now in Old Rajinder Nagar, Adhchini, and Dwarka, and upcoming facilities planned in Vikaspuri and Rohini, the Aarambh network is fast emerging as a citywide chain of high-quality, affordable learning hubs that put student welfare at the heart of urban planning.



Policy Reforms to Boost Commercial Development & Unlock Narela's Growth Potential

Major real estate reforms approved under the chairmanship of Hon'ble LG Shri V.K. Saxena.

Amalgamation charges for commercial properties reduced from 10% to 1% of circle rate.

Multiplication factor for auctions lowered to 1.5x circle rate to attract investors.

Narela set for transformation with Education Hub, Sports Stadium, and modern infrastructure.

The Delhi Development Authority, in its meeting chaired by Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Shri V.K. Saxena, took two significant decisions to unlock the real estate potential of Delhi and enhance commercial opportunities in the National Capital. DDA has decided to reduce the amalgamation charges for commercial properties from the present 10 percent of the circle rate to just 1 percent. This will incentivize real estate developers to develop commercial areas to scale and promote investment and employment in the city. This was one of the key reasons for commercial developments migrating to neighbouring cities in the NCR like NOIDA and Gurugram, where the admissible amalgamation charges were far lower compared to Delhi.

In its major decision, the Authority has reduced the multiplication factor for auction of

commercial properties from the present rate of twice the circle rate to 1.5 times the circle rate. This will also catalyse greater investment and participation of real estate developers in commercial development in the city.

The decisions come as a major policy reform that are in tune with Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's push for Ease of Doing Business, that, in turn, would spur greater investments and employment creation.

These decisions emanate from the recommendations of a High Level Joint Government- Industry Task Force constituted by Hon'ble LG, Shri VK Saxena, which observed that higher amalgamation charges and multiplication factor on the circle rates with regards to commercial plots led to great disparity and created a bottleneck in property

transactions as developers were discouraged from proceeding due to the financial implications.

The high amalgamation charges for commercial properties in Delhi were prohibitive and discouraged developers from consolidating plots and undertaking large scale projects. This, consequently led to under-utilization of prime commercial areas, delayed infrastructure development and missed opportunities for urban mobility and redevelopment.

The Task Force had observed that Delhi's circle rates are disproportionately high as compared to market rates in neighbouring cities and a high multiplication factor is restricting the opportunities available for investors, resulting in greater investments in other cities of NCR. This was the first time that DDA has taken on board industry views for deregulation and simplification of its policies.

The Authority also approved change of land use in various sectors of Narela to help in creating an education hub, development of Multi Sports Integrated Stadium and Sports Complex and overall development of the sub-city. In addition to this, the Authority also approved discount on bulk purchase of unsold flats in Narela by government departments and Universities. The other decisions taken in the Authority meeting include:-

01. Discount scheme for bulk purchase of flats by Central and State Government Departments, Organizations, Undertakings,

Autonomous Bodies, and Government Universities. As per the approval, government agencies and universities purchasing a minimum of 10 flats will be eligible for the same discount currently offered to the general public under DDA's Apna Ghar AwaasYojana 2025, i.e. 25% on LIG flats and 15% on MIG, HIG, and EWS flats in Narela.

02. Launch of Premium Housing Scheme 2025 offering 177 residential HIG, MIG, LIG Flats and Garages, via e-Auction, at prime locations like including Vasant Kunj, Dwarka, Rohini, Pitampura, Jasola, Ashoka Pahari and others.

03. The Authority approved DDA Housing Premium Housing Scheme 2025 through e-Auction mode, of HIG, MIG, and LIG categories and 67 Car/Scooter Garages across some of the most sought-after localities of Delhi and others

04. Change of Land Use for development of universities in sector G-7 / G-8 as part of the proposed Education Hub in Narela Sub-City.

05. Change of Land Use of a 75-acre plot from Commercial & Residential to Public and Semi-Public (PSP) for development of Multi Sports Integrated Stadium and Sports Complex in sector G-3 / G-4 in Narela Sub-City.

Approval of facilitation amount of Rs 50,000 per month for HIG flats and Rs 38,000 per month for MIG flats towards rent for residents of Signature View Apartments during the period of reconstruction. The rent will be paid unit-wise to each allottee/owner as and when the flat is vacated.

Revival of the Historic Roshanara Club with World-Class Amenities



Century-old Roshanara Club restored under the direct supervision of Hon'ble LG Shri V.K. Saxena

Preservation of the club's iconic heritage architecture alongside modern facility upgrades

Now houses sports, cultural, and recreational amenities for members and the public

Recognised as the birthplace of Indian cricket and the BCCI

On July 27, Under the inspiring vision of Hon'ble Lt. Governor Shri V.K. Saxena, the Delhi Development Authority has breathed new life into the century-old Roshanara Club a cherished institution and a cultural landmark of North Delhi. Once known as the cradle of Indian cricket and the birthplace of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the Club has long stood as a symbol of prestige, grace, and sporting excellence. With its grand restoration complete, the Roshanara Club once again opens its doors to Delhi's citizens as a vibrant centre for heritage, sports, and community life.



The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, joined by Hon'ble MP Chandni Chowk Shri Praveen Khandelwal, Hon'ble MLA Model Town Shri Ashok Goel, Vice Chairman DDA Shri N Saravana Kumar, and senior officials, formally inaugurated the restored premises.

This remarkable transformation began on 12th January 2023, when during his maiden visit, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor witnessed the Club's dismal condition crumbling walls, faded elegance, and years of neglect. Once a regal sanctuary, it had been sealed for over 18 months and officially taken over by DDA on 29th September 2023. Recognising its historic and cultural value, Shri Saxena directed immediate action. His instructions were clear: restore the grandeur, preserve the heritage, and create a facility befitting modern Delhi, without erasing the soul of its past.

Under his direct guidance through multiple site visits, review meetings, and constant oversight DDA developed and executed a meticulous restoration plan. The project required extensive civil, electrical, and aesthetic work to repair the deep damage caused by decades of disrepair. Encroachments were removed, structural reinforcements made, and delicate heritage features carefully preserved. The European-style doors and windows, Mangalore tiled roof, intricate wooden trusses, antique chandeliers, and vintage furnishings were restored to their former glory, ensuring that the Club's original architectural character remained untouched.



The revitalised Roshanara Club now offers a blend of elegance and modern functionality. Indoors, members and visitors can enjoy a reception and main lounge, card and billiards rooms, a dedicated children's play area, fully functional bar and dining hall, banquet facilities, a heritage library, swimming pool with upgraded changing rooms, a fitness centre, squash and badminton courts, yoga hall, and steam and sauna rooms. Outdoors, lush lawns and gardens frame upgraded grass, clay, and synthetic tennis courts, a cricket ground with practice pitches, mini football and basketball zones, and a dedicated jogging park making the Club a complete lifestyle destination.

The Roshanara Club's rebirth stands as a testament to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor's unwavering commitment to preserving Delhi's cultural heritage while enhancing the city's infrastructure for the future. With this revival, the Club is set to reclaim its role as a prestigious gathering place where history meets modern living, and where Delhiites can once again experience the charm of a bygone era alongside world-class amenities.



LIST OF OFFICERS AND STAFFS RETIRED IN JUNE 2025

S. No.	Name /Father's/Husband's Name S/Shri/Smt.	Designation	Place of posting	Date of Birth	Date of Appointment
1.	Om Prakash Meena S/o Sh. Kishan Pal Meena	Dy. Dir. (Arch.) UID No.0709005	Sr. Architect (HUPW-South Zone)	12.07.1965	12.10.1989
2.	Anand Kumar S/o Sh. Badri Prasad	Dy. Dir.(Min.) UID No.0202319	Director (Hort.) N/W (Vikas Minar)	10.07.1965	29.03.1989
3.	Smt. Ambuj Sood W/o Sh. Rajeev Sood	Asstt.Dir.(Arch.) UID No.0709004	ACA (HUPW-East Zone)	01.08.1965	26.02.1990
4.	Rajinder Singh Baluja S/o Sh. Tarlochan Singh Baluja	Asstt.Dir.(Min.) UID No.7604097	DCC-3	22.07.1965	06.06.1988
5.	Rajeev Kumar Tyagi S/o Sh. Jagan Nath Prasad Tyagi	OCM(W/C)R UID No.2803053	SPD-1	30.07.1965	19.09.1989
6.	Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Bhim Singh	OCM(W/C)R UID No.8127001	DPD-4	13.07.1965	19.09.1989
7.	Rajbir Singh S/o Late Sh. Dharam Pal Singh	OCM(W/C)R UID No.2501120	EMD=5	07.07.1965	19.09.1989
8.	Smt. Raj Rani W/o Late Sh. Kewal Krishan	Binding Asstt. (R) UID No.0322010	LAB(Rohini)	05.07.1965	17.04.1998
9.	Rajender Singh S/o Sh. Pitamber Singh	S/G(W/C)R UID No.2813052	PD-4 Sarita Vihar	15.07.1965	03.01.1985
10.	Smt. Gyanti Devi W/o Late Sh. Joginder Singh	Peon UID No.0328278	PMAY/Housing	10.07.1965	22.06.2005
11.	Jai Prakash S/o Late Sh. Chandgi Ram	Carpenter(W/C)R UID No.5125083	SPD-1	12.07.1965	19.09.1989
12.	Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Umed Singh	Khallasi(W/C)R UID No.2062007	NMD-3	06.07.1965	03.01.1985
13.	Amarjeet Singh S/o Sh. Gian Chand	Khallasi(W/C)R UID No.1402121	NMD-4	26.07.1965	19.09.1989
14.	Smt. Beena W/o Late Sh. Ashok Kumar	Beldar(R) UID No.0811085	DD/LM/NWZ Rohini	05.07.1965	15.04.1991
15.	Smt. Kiranwati W/o Sh. Jagat Singh	Environment Asstt.(R) UID No.2406046	EMD-1	09.07.1965	20.07.2000



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