

# ASITA EAST

A Project to Rejuvenate the Ecology on the Yamuna Floodplains  
by Delhi Development Authority







# Raj Niwas, Delhi

It is indeed a matter of pleasure for me to be hosting you on the Eastern Banks of river Yamuna, Asita East. Asita is an effort, on our part, to rejuvenate the Yamuna and its floodplain. Yamuna is our sacred river which finds mention in our scriptures like Mahabharata. Delhi, like me, is home to all of you, and the significance of river Yamuna, need not be explained to you. You all must have experienced in your own countries, the destruction, that urbanization often causes to our natural heritage. You must also have been party, to the undoing of such destruction, through collective efforts of rejuvenation.

Asita has been, our own effort, at such rejuvenation. As you walk through this beautiful stretch, you would be surprised to know, that just 6 months back, this fragile riverine eco system, was a dump yard of waste, squatters and stray animals. Consistent endeavor, on part of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) that is tasked with planning and steering development of the city, resulted in salvaging a self- contained eco system that houses rich natural diversity in a record time of less than 6 months. Fragile it remains, but we have tried sealing the seams, to the level best. I hope, you will have an enriching experience ahead.

I look forward to accompanying you, on this walk in the nature, and bird gazing. I sincerely hope, that all of you will relish and enjoy the vast spectrum of flora and fauna, that this, wetland sustains.

I am sure that your experience here today, will also provide us opportunities of exchange of ideas, and collaborations in such efforts in the future.

**Vinai Kumar Saxena**  
Lt. Governor, Delhi

Addressing Diplomats and G-20 India Team  
visiting Asita East on 5th March, 2023





















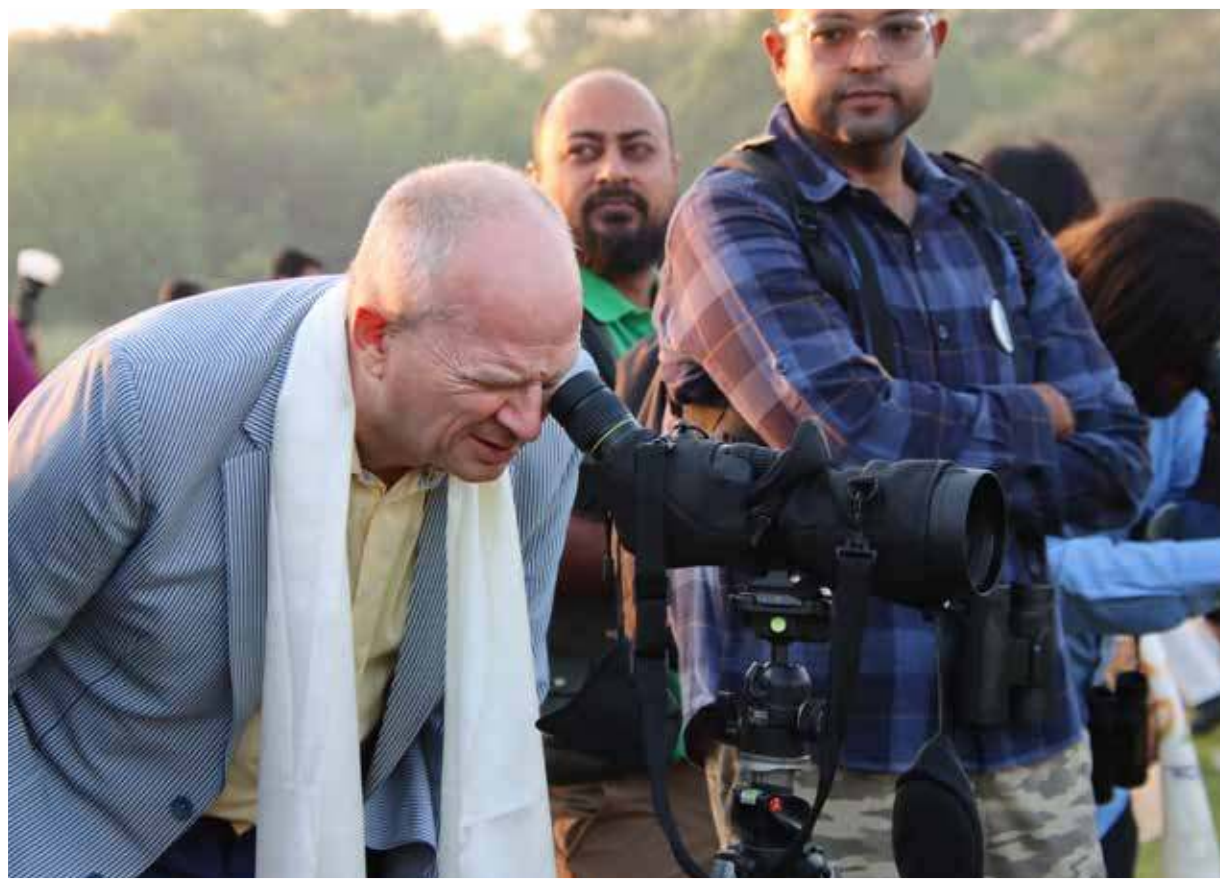


























































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धुनोतु मे मनोमलं कलिन्दनन्दिनी सदा ॥१॥

murāri-kāya-kālimā-lāma-Vāri-dhārinī  
trinī-kṛita-trivishtapā tri-loka-shoka-hārinī |  
man[ah-ā]nukūla-Kūla-kunja-Punja-dhūta-durmadā  
dhunotu me mano-malam kalinda-nandinī Sadā ||1||

*May Yamuna - who holds water painted by the dark-body of Murari, who treats the three-worlds as a twig, who absolves the grief of the three-worlds, whose banks have groups of forests which please the mind, who is agitated by haughtiness, and who is the daughter of Kalinda - wash the malice of my mind.*