



VASUDEV GHAT

Restoration & Rejuvenation of River Yamuna Floodplains





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Vasudev Ghat

Restoration, rejuvenation and rebuilding a degraded landscape are tasks that involve hard work, effort along with imagination and fortitude- much more than what would have gone into creating something new. Untiring efforts and out of box imagination of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena and the extreme hard work by Delhi Development Authority (DDA), under Shri Saxena's leadership and guidance has resulted in the current transformation of the Vasudev Ghat at ISBT, Kashmere Gate, from being a polluted and degraded land mass, within a span of just about an year. Vasudev Ghat, restored as an integral part of the Yamuna floodplains, aims at reviving the river-people connect, enhance the sense of belongingness in the users and to stop the abuse of River Yamuna and its floodplains.



inauguration of
VASUDEV GHAT
Sh. Vinai Kumar Saxena
Hon'ble Lt. Governor
Sh. Sunil Kumar Panda
Hon'ble Minister, DDA
November, 16, 2014



Before February 2023

Nearly 40 acres of land on the western bank of River Yamuna was lying neglected as filth ridden, broken, inaccessible, ill-sloped Ghat. Neglected and polluted it was still being used by people for their rituals, being an area where the river edge was accessible in the heart of the city. Hon'ble LG, who first visited this site on 16.02.2023, directed DDA to take up the task of restoring this Ghat in mission-mode.





Before February 2023







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LG's Intervention

It took dozens of visits by Hon'ble LG, interspersed with many meetings on and off the site to get where we have reached today. Though the entire area faced the wrath of extreme flooding in monsoons of 2023, consistent monitoring by Hon'ble Lt. Governor and incessant efforts of Team DDA gave a new lease of life to this area.





7 October 2023



7 October 2023





16 January 2024





Development of Vasudev Ghat











Inauguration of
**Vasudev
Ghat**
at ISBT, Kashmere Gate on
12 March 2024



The Vasudev Ghat showcases India's rich cultural heritage with sculptures and artefacts sourced from various states across the country. It is the first Ghat restored in Delhi by DDA. Spreading over an area of 16 ha, the main Ghat stretches to a length of 145 m and has 25 steps to the holy waters of Yamuna. A 5-hectare green on the Ghat is laid in Charbagh style. In consonance with the historic Mughal gardens, it has a Baradari and numerous Chhatris dotting the precinct. A 2.1 m wide and 1.8 km long pedestrian track and 2.8 metre wide and 1.3 km long cycle track are also being developed.

Many special attractions adorn the site including a statue of Maa Yamuna amidst beautifully carved pavilions and lush greens with flower beds that are sown thematically every season with species like tulips, marigold, sadabahar etc. More than 2000 native and naturalised trees and over 4 lacs of riverine grasses will convert this site into an ecological landmark.



A special 300kg Metal Bell, sourced from Jalesar, U.P., which produces a unique vibration and sound when rung has been installed under a Chhatri on the Vasudev Ghat.





Yamuna Aarti

Having transformed this degraded stretch of Yamuna into a clean and green recreational public space, Hon'ble LG envisioned Yamuna Aarti on this Ghat, on the lines of aarti performed on the banks of Ganga in Varanasi and Narmada in Madhya Pradesh. The idea was to instil a sense of ownership among the people of Delhi for the Yamuna by bringing them closer to the river by way of Yamuna Aarti. Acting on the LG's direction, DDA entered into an MoU with a registered society that has been organising Cultural "Yamuna Aarti" at Vasudev Ghat regularly along with maintaining the associated amenities. The aarti is not only about our paying respect to the mighty river but also to bring about consciousness and a sense of responsibility among the people towards the Yamuna, thus aiding in preventing further pollution by making them a major stakeholder in the efforts to clean the river.

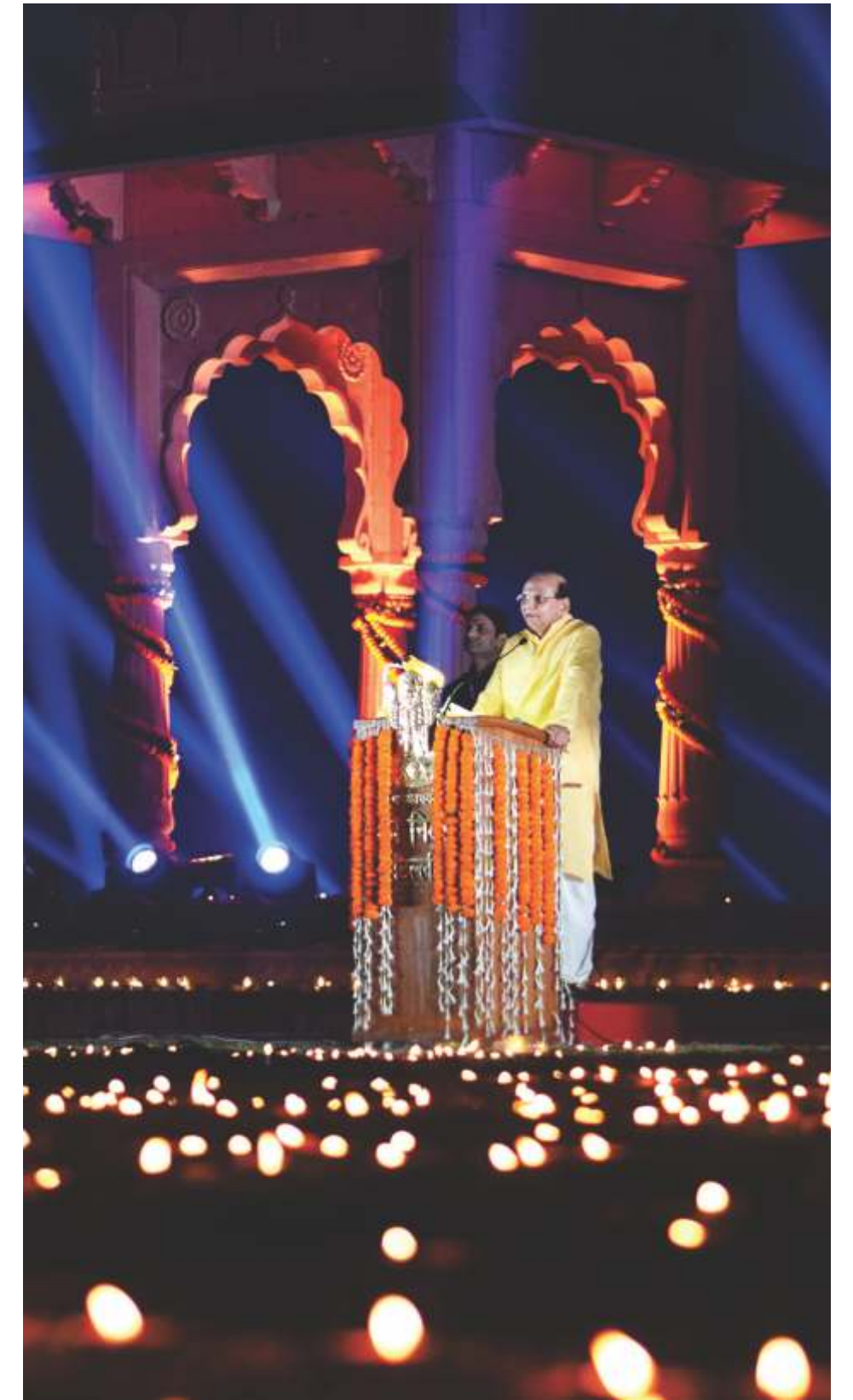
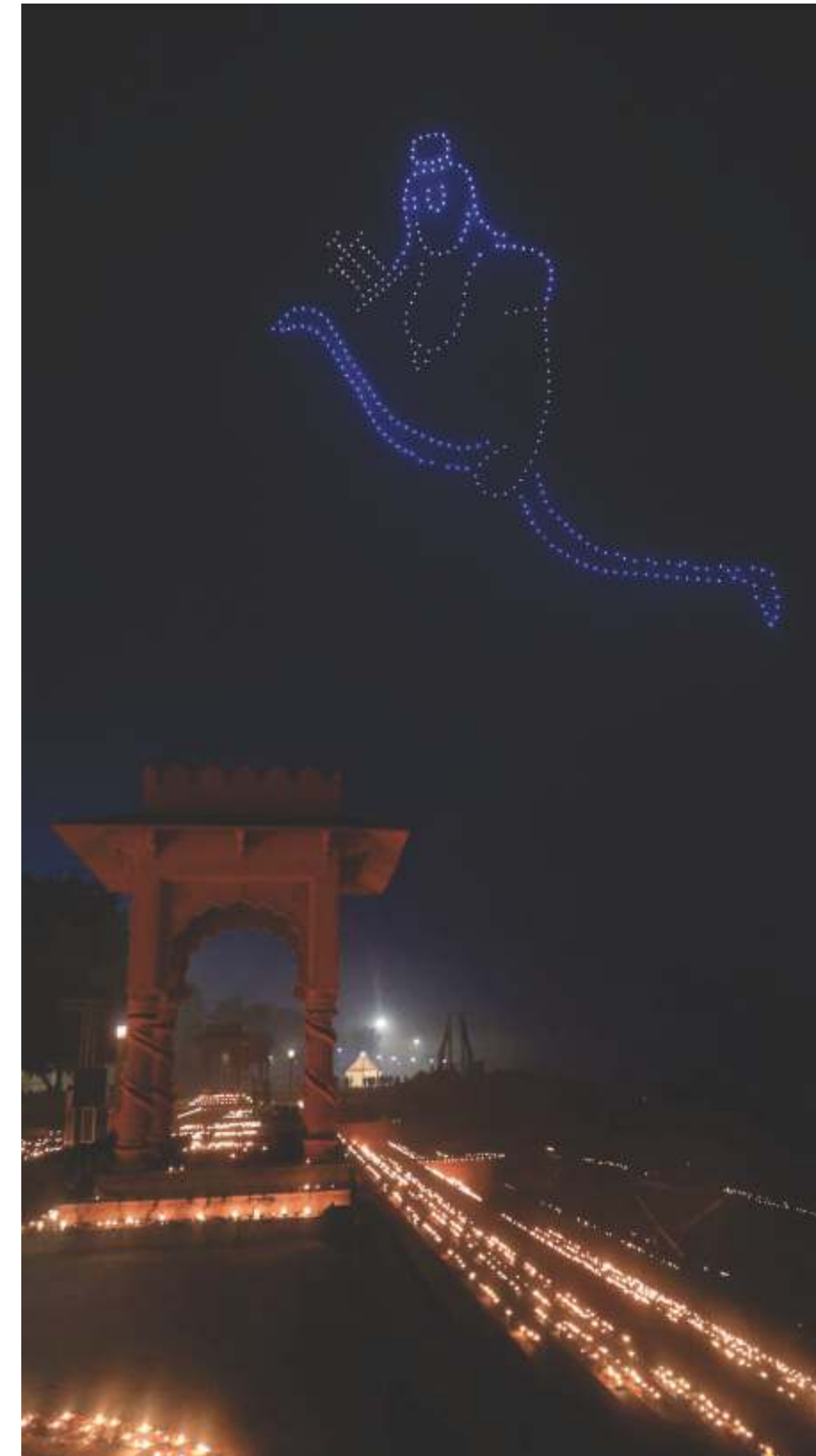






Deepotsav at Vasudev Ghat

The spiritual landscape of Delhi illuminated in all its glory with celebration of 'Dilli Deepotsav' in the evening of 13.11.2024 at Vasudev Ghat, the first of its kind celebration in the National Capital. Over 3.50 Lakh Diyas were lit at the Ghat by people from various walks of life, amidst a spectacular drone and laser show. A grand Ram Darbar, was housed in the 'Baradari' at Vasudev Ghat, which stands as a testament to Hon'ble LG's commitment to rejuvenation of the Yamuna and its floodplain by bringing the people of the city closer to the river and making them stakeholders in its cleaning. Delhi Deepotsav, ideated by the Hon'ble LG, will be an annual feature from now on.



Dilli Deepotsav also marked the confluence between spirituality and environmental sustainability. A grand Yamuna Aarti, which is now happening twice a week regularly at the Ghat, accompanied by a mesmerizing drone show, elevated the spiritual ambience while the synchronization of light, sound, and movement created a spectacular experience for all the visitors.



The Transformation









Before



After









Now







Now







Now





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