

DDA's ENDEAVOUR TOWARDS HERITAGE OF DELHI

Delhi Development Authority has been making concerted efforts to ensure upkeep and proper maintenance of buildings of heritage value.

The Delhi Master Plan-2001 has already designated five historically significant areas as Controlled Conservation Areas.

- Walled City of Delhi,
- Central Vista
- Nizamuddin
- Area near Qutub (presently being identified as Mehrauli Heritage Zone)
- Area near Vijay Mandal.

Heritage Awards:

An awareness program had been initiated by instituting awards-*DDA Urban Heritage Awards* (since 1993) to the buildings, which reflect the architectural images, social values and traditions of its time. Till now 27 buildings have been recognized under these awards

Delhi Urban Heritage Foundation:

Further, with a view to safeguard the built and natural heritage of Delhi through collaborative efforts of all concerned, Delhi Heritage Foundation (DUHF) has been set up by DDA, in exercise of its power under Sec.5-A of Delhi Development Act, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt.Governor of Delhi and notified vide gazette notification No. Part -II- Section 3- sub section ii, dated September 28,1999.

Objectives/Functions:

- At3 (e) To promote reuse of old buildings for appropriate utilization.
- At3 (g) To provide assistance to individuals, institutions and NGO's in their effort
To save all or in parts components of urban heritage.
- At3 (k) To prepare, examine and review the proposals and policies as related to
Heritage.
- At5 (ii) To permit major alterations to heritage buildings or areas excluding those
Which are under ASI, only in exceptional cases, without changing the
Character, architectural/historical features of the building or areas.

Advisory Committee: to advice on the matters related to the foundation and its policies and proposals.

Meetings & Proceedings:

The Foundation has held 7 meetings till date. It has initiated various Conservation Projects, which are at various stages of planning & implementation.

1. Conservation & Environmental up gradation of Lado Serai tomb- project completed
2. Anglo Arabic Sr. Secondary School, Ajmere gate- in progress.
3. Renovation of Ex-Vice Regal Lodge presently administrative office of University of Delhi -Rs.3.53 crore have been funded by DDA for the restoration & renovation to Delhi University under the aegis of DUHF. The project is completed.
4. Integrated Conservation and Urban Design proposal of Sultan Garhi Tomb and its precincts-in progress.

The details of Lado Serai & Anglo Arabic Sr Secondary school are enclosed at Flag 'A' and Flag 'B'.

Other than this **various other committees** were formulated as under:

Committee for Heritage Regulations under the chairmanship of Comm (MCD) with representatives of DDA, NDMC, Dept of Archaeology, ASI, INTACH.

Ministry of Urban Development as per the Gazette notification (dated Dec 5,2003) has constituted a Heritage Conservation Committee wherein Commissioner Planning, DDA is a member