

Report On Visit To Qudsiya Ghat on 6th March 2023
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Image 1: The Dean, Faculty and Students of SHRM at the Kashmere Gate Campus

On March 6, 2023, the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena along with the Chief Secretary of Delhi and other officers, students from the School of Heritage Research and Management and other students from Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women, the National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) Outreach and Extension Division, and other students, visited Qudsiya Ghat to inspect Yamuna Cleaning. The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor examined the progress undertaken by cleaning operations now taking place at the Yamuna a little over two weeks after it was initiated under the Swachhta Abhiyan. DDA had organized several nature-oriented activities as part of the 'Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.



Image 2: Qudsiya Ghat



Image 3: The officials, the faculty and the students gathered at the site

The students assembled at Kashmere Gate Campus and attended the event at 4 pm where they were able to examine the changing riverscape and the changing quality of water around them. The students along with the faculty were amazed to know that a lot of this transformation has taken place over a fortnight. The future plans given for the river are equally impressive where the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor talked about making the river cleaner by June 30th. He briefly interacted with the students of the University about the Yamuna rejuvenation project and motivated students towards the need for their active participation in this process of rejuvenation.

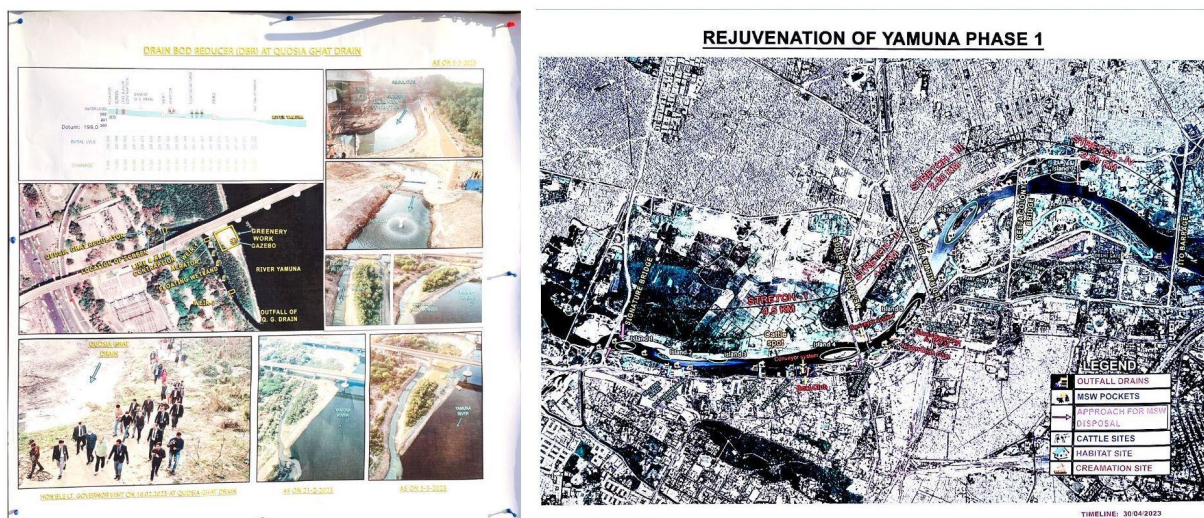


Image 4: Future Plans for the river and the river plain



Image 5: The samples of the improving quality of water from day 1 to 15.

Hon'ble LG also took a boat ride on river Yamuna after which he commended the officials for bringing about a “visible change” on the floodplains at Qudsia Ghat in just over two weeks and exhorted them to maintain the pace of work. A cleaning process was also demonstrated to him. While interacting with the Press, he also said that “Yamuna river will be rejuvenated slowly and restored to the condition it was centuries ago.”

Enthused by the visit, SHRM intends to do a photo exhibition on Yamuna Heritage, something when proposed to the Hon'ble LG, he immediately mentioned the need for an awareness initiative like this for the citizens of Delhi.

(some points are referred from THE PRINT)

