

Biodiversity Parks Programme of DDA

Delhi Development Authority in collaboration with Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE), University of Delhi initiated to establish Biodiversity Parks under the aegis of Delhi Biodiversity Foundation with Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi as its Chairman.

Presently University of Delhi is implementing two DDA funded Biodiversity Park Projects namely Yamuna Biodiversity Park: Establishment & Management; Aravalli Biodiversity Park: Establishment & Management with Prof. C. R. Babu as Project-in-charge. In University these projects are administered as per the "Guidelines for sponsored research projects" approved by the Executive Council. These guidelines are available on the university website www.du.ac.in under heading research and sub-heading externally funded project.

Yamuna Biodiversity Park is spread over an area of 457 acres and is located along the floodplains in the upstream of river Yamuna near Wazirabad village. This project is being developed in two phases. Phase I was initiated in the year 2002 and today it has fully functional wetland ecosystems and well developed forest ecosystems characteristic of the river Yamuna basin. The wetlands of Yamuna Biodiversity Park are biologically productive and harbour luxuriant flora and fauna. These wetlands are known as important birding area of Delhi and attract large number of bird lovers, naturalists, educationists and civil societies every year.

Yamuna Biodiversity Park Phase II started in the year 2009 and it is being implemented in the same manner as an extension of the project Yamuna Biodiversity Park: Establishment & Management. Delhi Development Authority is the funding agency of the project.

The Aravalli Biodiversity Park sprawls over an area of 692 acres near the south-central ridge and is 5 km north-east of Indira Gandhi International Airport. The terrain is undulating and rocky with morrum-mined pits. It harbours forest communities characteristics of Aravalli hills. These forests have become habitats for locally endangered wildlife such as Jackals, Porcupine, Nilgai, avifauna and rich butterfly diversity.

The grants released and expenditure for both the projects upto 31.03.2011 is provided in the Tables 1 to 4.

Information regarding approved proposed plan of Yamuna Biodiversity Park Phase II is given in Figure 1.

Table 1: The amount released and expenditure for the Yamuna Biodiversity Park upto 31.03.2011 are given below:

Year	Amount released	Expenditure
2003-2004	59,91,389/-*	52,07,297/-
2004-2005	79,18,440/-	73,08,835/-
2005-2006	72,53,500/-	62,99,047/-
2006-2007	91,05,541/-	70,85,812/-
2007-2008	81,76,871/-	95,45,298/-
2008-2009	82,20,712/-	90,97,759/-
2009-2010	80,00,000/-	81,32,819/-
2010-2011	80,66,304/-	92,31,806/-
Total (A)	6,27,32,757/-	6,19,08,673/-

*including the initial grant of Rs. 5,90,000/- during 2001-2002

Table 2: Budget for Nature Interpretation Centre (NIC):

Budgethead	Year	Actual Amount released	Expenditure upto 31.03.2008
NIC	2003-2004	38,07,700/-	29,29,864/-
Total (B)		38,07,700/-	29,29,864/-
Grand Total (A+B)		6,65,40,457/-	6,48,38,537/-

Table 3: The amount released and expenditure for the Yamuna Biodiversity Park Phase II upto 31.03.2011 are given below:

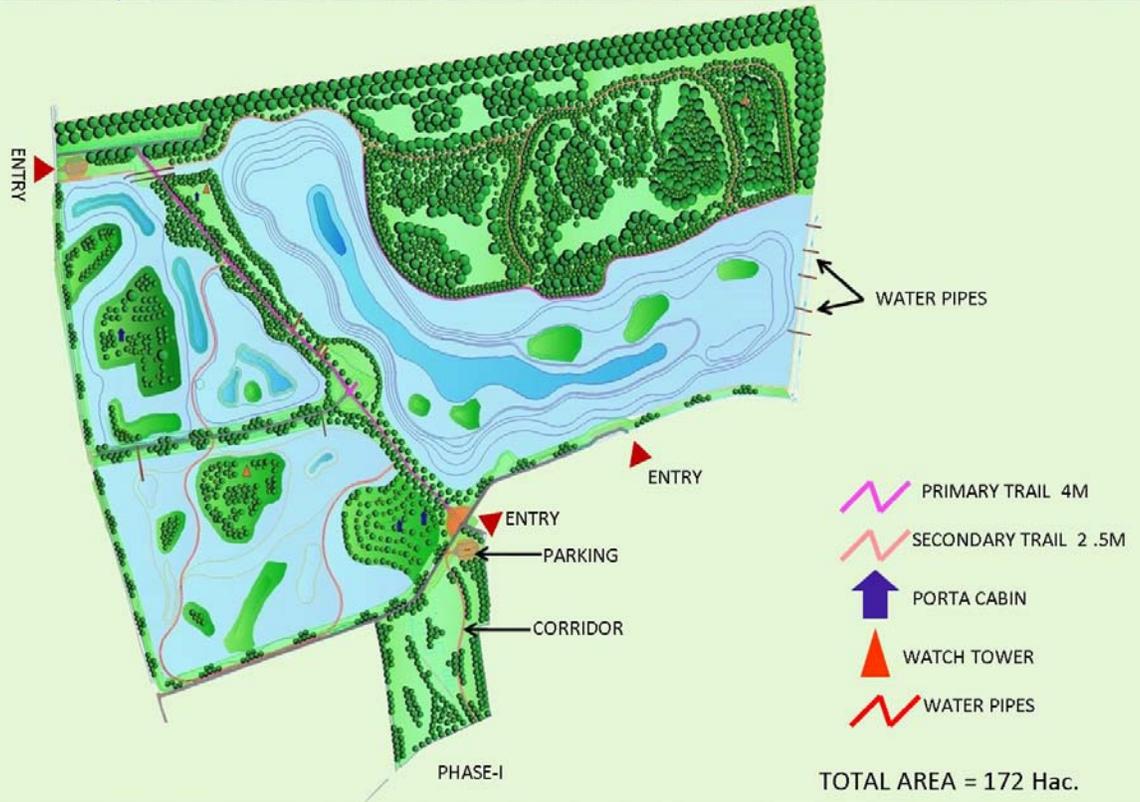
Year	Amount released	Expenditure
2009-2010	37,57,392/-	Nil
2010-2011	--	4,21,254/-
Total	37,57,392/-	4,21,254/-

Table 4: The amount released and expenditure for the Aravalli Biodiversity Park upto 31.03.2011 are given below:

Year	Amount released	Expenditure
2004-2005	56,07,770/-*	28,68,946/-
2005-2006	40,00,000/-	54,83,537/-
2006-2007	60,00,000/-	64,67,975/-
2007-2008	73,90,996/-	76,03,957/-
2008-2009	95,00,000/-	86,89,739/-
2009-2010	80,00,000/-	81,67,607/-
2010-2011	1,16,00,000/-	98,30,984/-
Total (A)	5,20,98,766/-	4,91,12,745/-

* Rs. 20/- was shown as an excess receipt in the 1st UC & SE for the year 04-05. The amounts received by the University Rs. 40,27,750/- (vide cheque No. 071367 dated 08.02.05) inadvertently mentioned as Rs. 40,27,770/- in UC & SE for the year 04-05, which is corrected in the UC & SE for the year 2009-2010.

Modified plan of Yamuna Biodiversity Park Ph-II



YAMUNA BIO-DIVERSITY PARK PHASE - II

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