

# Samvad Patra

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## From CEO's Pen

Dear Citizens,

Varanasi, the Spiritual capital of India, is not only a confluence of knowledge and spirituality but also carries major historic significance and a rich cultural heritage in itself over the years. Under Smart Cities Mission of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Varanasi has **been** selected among 100 cities which is now setting a new phase of development. The projects being implemented by Varanasi Smart City aim to not only ensure convenience of the residents, visitors and the tourists, but also to preserve the antiquity and the heritage of Kashi, also **known as Shiva's luminous city.**

Under the able leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' is being celebrated across various cities. Hence, in accordance, 'Kashi Utsav' was organized by Varanasi Smart City. In addition, an idol of goddess

Annapurna, brought back from Canada to India after 108 years, was installed inside Kashi Vishwanath temple on 11.11.2021.

**Redevelopment** work in Kaal Bhairav ward and Jangambaari Ward has also been done by Varanasi Smart City. The newly constructed Town Hall Underground Parking Lot has ensured smooth traffic flow as its parking space was utilized by more than 12,000 vehicles. 3 eminent citizens of Kashi were **honored** with the Padma Shri award by Govt. of India for their dedicated efforts across various fields. The awards were conferred to Prof. Ramyatr Shukla for education field, Shri Chandrashekar Singh for Agricultural Development, 'Dom Raja' of Kashi and Late Shri Jagdish Chaudhary for social service. **Getting** this honor is a matter of pride for all the citizens of Kashi.

We hope, this e-Newsletter will surely be a positive step in building stronger connections with the residents by encouraging more citizen participation.

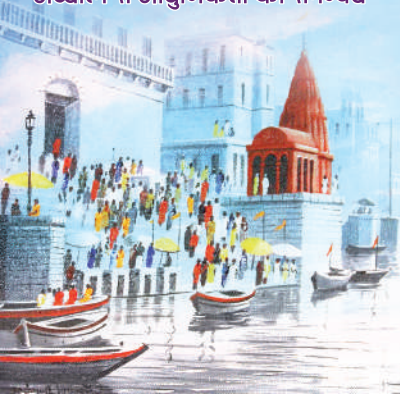
Thank you



**Pranay Singh (IAS)**

Municipal Commissioner, Varanasi,  
Chief Executive Officer, Varanasi Smart City

## ‘अध्यात्म से आधुनिकता का समन्वय’



India's power lies in its vast diversity, culture and civilization. Varanasi - the oldest living city in the world has its aura shining on its temples and ghats. The home to ancient domes, ashrams, priests and narrow lanes with shops filled with 'Banarasi' sarees, Varanasi represents a fascinating, spiritual place modernizing itself into a Smart City. With a firm belief to preserve the cultural and spiritual importance of the city, 'Varanasi Smart City Limited (VSCL)' has been formed as per the directives of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under Smart City Mission.

Since its inception, VSCL has ensured effective implementation of multiple schemes related to cleanliness, electricity & traffic management, urban rejuvenation and citizen-friendly governance. This is resulting in an increase in the overall administrative efficiency and easy access to public amenities. VSCL is promoting projects that uplift the social welfare of citizens, Upgrade the city infrastructure and the quality of life, thereby, adding immense value to Varanasi's core culture.

# Smart Initiatives

## पहल विकास की...

Projects being executed under Varanasi Smart City

### Suramya Kashi (Picturesque Kashi)

- Beautification of Kunds & Overhead Tanks and Place making under Flyovers
- Cultural Upliftment of Shri Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Ganga Aarti through IT Solutions (Audio Visual)

### Nirmal Kashi (Pure Kashi)

- Diesel to CNG Boat Conversion
- Biogas Plant
- Solid Waste Management
- Beautification and Conservation of Chakra Pond.
- Rejuvenation of Ponds and Kunds
- Ghats Revitalization and Façade Restoration

### Surakshit Kashi (Secured Kashi)

- Kashi Integrated Command and Control Center (KICCC)
- Advanced City Surveillance
- Emergency Response Services



# Smart Initiatives

## पहल विकास की...

Projects being executed under Varanasi Smart City:-

### *Ekikrit Kashi (Integrated Kashi)*

- Redevelopment of Old Wards of Kashi
- Redevelopment of Parks
- Redevelopment of Khidkiya Ghat

### *Sanyojit Kashi (Organised Kashi)*

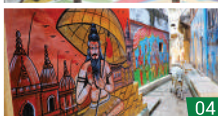
- Godowlia Multilevel Parking
- Town Hall Park and Parking
- Beniabagh Park and Parking
- Godowlia-Maidagin ABD Road
- E-Bus Charging Station

### *Samunnat Kashi (Progressive Kashi)*

- 'Rudraksh' International Cooperation & Convention Centre
- Smart Schools – Macchodari, Rajghat and other Schools
- Development of Tourist Facilitation and Market Complex at Dashashwamedh Ghat

### *Other Initiatives*

- India Cycle 4 Change Challenge
- Transport for All
- The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)
- Fellowship Program by MoHUA



# Activities

Redevelopment work is being done by Varanasi Smart City  
in **Kaal Bhairav Ward** and **Jangambaari Ward**

**Kaal Bhairav Ward**

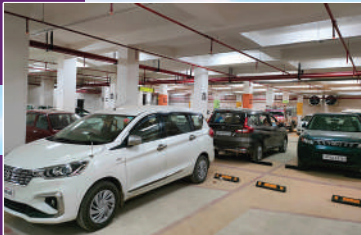


**Jangambaari Ward**



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More than 12,000 vehicles have utilized the parking space at the newly constructed Town Hall Underground Parking.

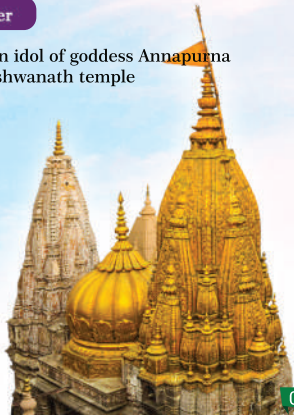




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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November

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**Prof. Ramyatn Shukla**

Shankuldhara Pokhara area,  
Varanasi for encouraging the use  
of Sanskrit language.  
Prof. Ramayatan Shukla is giving free  
Sanskrit training to youth now.



**Farmer Chandrashekhar Singh**

Tadiya Village  
has been honored with  
Padma Shri for his contribution  
and efforts in the field of Agriculture.



**Varanasi's 'Dom Raja',  
Late Jagdish Chaudhary**

was the upholder of Sanatani Culture.  
He was posthumously  
honored for the social work  
done by him.



# Photo Gallery



Redevelopment work of Kaal Bhairav Ward done by Varanasi Smart City.



Redevelopment work of Jangambaari Ward done by Varanasi Smart City.



Kashi's Khidkiya Ghat is developing as a new centre of Tourism. Work is in progress.



Construction of Town Hall Underground Parking led to smooth traffic flow during Dev-Deepawali.



Kashi Utsav was organized at RUDRAKSH - International Cooperation and Convention Centre.



Idol of Goddess Annapurna was brought back from Canada to India and placed inside the Kashi Vishwanath Temple.

## In a Nutshell...

Varanasi Smart City Ltd. is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that its vision is met and the targets are completed in a highly efficient manner. A comprehensive strategy with the focus on 'Area Based Development' which includes Re-development, Rejuvenation and Beautification of places of public utilities and the 'Pan-City Solutions' involving larger focus areas such as City-Wide IT Solutions, Urban Mobility, Traffic Management and recycling, has been undertaken. Completion of multiple projects is in process to give shape to the dream of a 'Smart Varanasi'.

The cooperation and excitement of Varanasi's citizens has only added to the energy and vigor of people who are behind the planning and execution of these projects. While working together, the citizens, authorities and all other stakeholders will surely lead Varanasi to become a smart and sustainable city with the proud tag of a cultural and heritage epicenter of the world.





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