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DDA, NSD join hands to turn city parks into creative hubs



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To make Delhi's green spaces more engaging and vibrant, Delhi Development Authority is going to introduce Rangbaag, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the city in collaboration with National School of Drama (NSD) that will transform the city's parks into creative hubs.

Theatre-based and experiential learning activities, such as acting and movement workshops, storytelling sessions and improvisation exercises, will be conducted for public by NSD-trained faculties under the programme.

To mark the launch of the initiative, NSD presented Nanha Scientist, a performance celebrating the curiosity imagination of young minds, on Thursday. A formal MoU will be signed between NSD and DDA soon to start the programme for the public.

The pilot phase will begin with a three-month certificate course featuring weekly workshops at Baansera Park opposite the Sarai Kale Khan ISBT. If successful, the concept will be expanded to more parks across the city for participants from age groups, including senior citizens, to foster a stronger sense of community through art and performance.

"Following lieutenant governor VK Saxena's direction to recreate and reimagine these green hubs to make them more engaging, we conceptualised the Rangbaag programme.

What makes the concept unique is its aim to take theatre beyond formal institutions and bring it into open, natural environments where children and young people can learn through play, movement and imagination," said an official.

By blending DDA's vision for vibrant public spaces with NSD's expertise in performing arts, the programme seeks to create a platform for community engagement and youth development rooted in accessibility and joy.

"In the past, we added several features at green spaces along the floodplain, such as green cafes, musical fountains, sculptures, seasonal plants and proper lighting, to ensure people feel comfortable coming to these areas," said the official. During the coming winter, when footfall anyway increases in such spaces, these workshops can draw many participants, he added.

NSD, through its Theatre in Education Co., runs multiple educational programmes for young people to learn about artistic expression and storytelling "The collaboration will bring the theatrical pedagogy and experience to the masses. We will get technical support in implementing the programme from Primus Partners, a management consulting firm," said DDA.

The authority is looking forward to encourage more people and organisations to utilise public parks as spaces for meaningful collaborations, which will make them safer too. "We will reach out to societies, educational institutions and local communities to encourage the participation of children in good numbers," said an official ..

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