

# Revamped heritage zone to greet GIS, G20 guests

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## ASI & HAT Giving Facelift To Monuments

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**Lucknow:** Historical monuments located on the 5km heritage zone from Kaiserbagh to Hussainabad will be revamped and decorated by February 9 to welcome delegates for the G20 and GIS events.

The Hussainabad Trust is working on the Bada Imambara and Naubat Khana, while the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is giving a facelift to Residency and Lucknow Development Authority is illuminating all the monuments with façade lighting. The benches installed in these monuments are also being painted and flowering plants have been planted in vacant areas. Apart from this, PWD and LMC are painting dividers, installing flower pots and getting walls painted under flyovers and boundary walls. The roads are also being renovated by the PWD.

Officials said the area was chosen because most of the monuments are located on the stretch where delegates will visit and learn about the city's Nawabi culture and history.

Municipal commissioner Inderjit Singh said, "The beautification drive is not only event-oriented, but will continue after that and the area will be developed as a major tourism hub,"



Beautification work on at Bada Imambada and at Samtamulak crossing

LDA executive engineer Manoj Kumar said, "As of now, façade lighting is being done in three monuments — Bada Imambara, Naubatkhana and Residency. Five more monuments — Clock Tower, Rumi Darwaza, Sadat Ali Khan Tomb, Kothi Darshwan Vilas and Kotshi Gulistan-e-Iram — will be illuminated in the second phase to promote night tourism in the area."

## Times View

Authorities must also create a mechanism to sustain and maintain the beautification of the heritage area being developed for night tourism. Such a mechanism should also have public participation to imbibe a sense of belongingness among people, thus motivating them in conservation of the monuments.