

# Kukrail to be turned into eco-tourism hub

## Riverbed To Emulate Sabarmati Riverfront

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**Lucknow:** Reduced to the condition of drain due to unbridled encroachment, the Kukrail riverbed and forest area will soon turn into an eco-tourism hub. The riverfront which is being freed from encroachment will be developed on the pattern of Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.

“Nearly 25 acre of area which is being reclaimed on the initiative of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will be developed into a riverfront. The Yogi government plans to transform the adjoining Kukrail forest area into a prominent eco-tourism destination. The first night safari in the country is slated to be established here. A preliminary approval has been obtained from the Central Zoo Authority for this project, which will cover an area of 855.07 acres,” says a govt spokesperson.

“The DPR is currently being prepared for this initiative. As part of this endeavour, the Lucknow Zoo will also be relocated to this area. The



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move has been approved by the state cabinet. The new zoo will feature 63 enclosures showcasing animals from 115 different species, with a maximum capacity of 15,000 visitors per day. A tram system covering 3.75 km within the zoo premises and a 12 km pathway will enhance visitor accessibility,” he adds.

A total of 42 enclosures will house animals from 54 different species within the night safari. With a maximum capacity of 8,000 visitors per night, tourists will embark on their journey through the park via a 5.5 km tramway and a 1.92 km pathway. Highlighting the experience will be captivating species including the

### 162 houses razed

A total of 162 illegal constructions were bulldozed in Akbarnagar as part of the drive for the beautification and rejuvenation project of Kukrail River on Wednesday. This brings the count of demolished constructions in the area to 312 as of late Wednesday evening. Furthermore, around 265 families were given possessions of flats under PMAY.

Asiatic lion, gharial, Bengal tiger, flying squirrel, leopard, hyena, and more, ensuring an unforgettable adventure for all who visit the night safari, an official who is associated with the planning of the project says.

“Inspired by the Sabarmati Riverfront, the Kukrail Riverfront will be developed following visits by officers from the LMC, LDA, and irrigation department to Ahmedabad, as per the CM's directives. A detailed action plan is already prepared, and progress on the project is expected to start shortly,” he adds.