

# Lko to get its first fragrance park in Hussainabad

It will come up on 2 acres at an estimated Rs 4 crore: LDA

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**LUCKNOW:** The state capital will soon get its first fragrance park near the iconic Clock Tower in Hussainabad area.

To come up on 2.20 acres, the park will house dozens of aromatic flowers from across species. To be built by Lucknow Development Authority (LDA), the selection of flowers will be done by National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) experts.

According to LDA officials, the park, whose construction will cost Rs 4 crore, is being developed on the stretch between Chota Imambara and



While it will be built by LDA, NBRI will select flowers to be exhibited there. Information will be provided in Braille as well.

Bada Imambara. It is a part of the proposed upgradation and beautification of the heritage zone in Hussainabad. Its design is being done by popular architect Ashish Srivastava. "This is the first such fragrance park in

U.P. and the second in India. A fragrance park is situated at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi," said Srivastava.

Ajit Kumar Shasany, the NBRI director, said, "Flowers for the project have been chosen

in such a manner that the park will always have some blooming around the year." NBRI houses a replica of the park at its Lucknow campus where the visually impaired can read about the flowers through Braille.

The park's design will be done with the needs of people with disabilities in mind. While braille information will be made available for the visually impaired, ramps will be built for people on wheelchairs.

"The park will attract tourists mainly due to the presence of aromatic plants. Along with fragrant flowers, provision for an open-air theatre has also been made to entertain people," read a copy of a document with the project details shared by LDA. The officials said the park will also feature a pergola (outdoor garden) and gazebo (pavilion structure).