

# Green Corridor Project Part-3: Ministry of Defence okays LDA's dam project

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**LUCKNOW :** The Ministry of Defence has given its approval for the Lucknow Development Authority's (LDA) Green Corridor Project Part-3 which includes construction of a dam between Pipra ghat and Shah-eed Path in the state capital.

Senior army officers and LDA officials, led by LDA vice chairman Prathamesh Kumar, met in Delhi on September 23 to finalize the project. They reached an agreement on key demands made by the army, which Kumar has incorporated into the proposal, instructing his team to prepare the final draft.

AK Singh Sengar, LDA project implementation unit head, explained that the project involves constructing a 5.8-kilometre-long flood embankment on the banks of the Gomti river. Of this, 2.8 kilometres will pass through the cantonment area, requiring the transfer of approximately 21.81 hectares of military land to the LDA, stated a press release issued by LDA.

Earlier, the LDA officials met

representatives from the Defence Estate, Army, and irrigation department to finalize the proposal. After securing approval from all the parties, they submitted the proposal to the Ministry of Defence.

Kumar highlighted that the dam's construction will solve the recurring issue of waterlogging on military land during the rainy season and will enhance the usability of the flood-prone area. Additionally, it will provide army officers and cantonment residents with direct access to the airport, benefiting both the military personnel and the wider city population, stated the press release.

According to the LDA press release, on September 23, LDA VC Prathamesh Kumar and LDA additional secretary Gyanendra Verma attended a meeting at the Ministry of Defence office in Delhi. The joint secretary (land and works) of the Ministry of Defence chaired the meeting, during which the team received instructions to shift the dam's alignment toward the river, adhering to the Ganga Flood Control Council's standards. Following these instructions, Kumar directed his team to inspect the site and revise the alignment accordingly.

In addition to the dam, the authorities will construct ramps and underpasses at specific points to ensure smooth movement for army officers and staff. Army officials will soon visit the site to identify the locations for these features.

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