

Landscaping@Urbana: 2024-26

The moment you enter through the massive Gates of Urbana - a cool breeze sweeps, your heart fills with joy at the sight of beautiful greenery all around extending a hearty welcome.

Neatly mowed Lawns and trimmed Hedges

As you take right turn from the fountain, **neatly mowed lawn** greets you



When you take left turn, **trimmed hedges** please you



Green Urbana

About a year back, the Landscaping team undertook a special initiative to make **Urbana Greener** with objective to provide 'Green Cover' everywhere.

East Avenue

- Street from Tower 4 to Tower 5

The area adjacent to Puja Mandap had exposed bare soil, looking ugly and turning muddy during monsoon. At substantial investment, it was fully covered with special **Blade Grass** carpet from the edge of Puja Mandap platform to give a sooth look. Upon execution, It was giving such a fresh eye pleasing look as can be seen at: https://urbanaaaao.in/ptadmin/assets/images/media/services/595597978_Green_Urbana_Apr25.pdf

The Landscaping team had sincerely advised the 'Puja Committee' to avoid the 'Green Covered' area. However, heavy decorator materials (e.g., Truss, Bamboos etc) are dumped at this area; further Food Stalls erected on the grass (from the concrete platform upto Bengal Gas Station) and the entire grass cover were completely damaged, exposing bare soil again.

Thereafter, the Puja Committee suggested not to provide green cover again, as decorator materials will be dumped here, also stalls will be erected every year - they offered to cover the entire area (with exposed soil) with masonry work to give a smooth look. Landscaping team has been advised to exclude this area from their scope and Puja team is expected to carry out the masonry work on the bald area, as assured.

Likewise, the area near Gas Bank for Tower 5 has been kept outside scope of Landscaping as decorator materials are dumped here prior and after every event at the 'Central Lawn' and no greenery can sustain under the load of such heavy materials.

Landscaping team not paying attention to following areas anymore



From Puja Mandap upto Bengal Gas station



From the new Pump House upto Tower 5 Gas Station

Island opposite to Club

Large trees exist here to provide shadow, thus direct sunlight does not reach the ground, so normal grass cannot survive on the surface. Special '*Blade Grass*' were laid here that was giving excellent green cover as can be seen at https://urbanaaaao.in/ptadmin/assets/images/media/services/595597978_Green_Urbana_Apr25.pdf

Landscaping team not paying attention to following areas

At end of Feb'25, BNRI made a presentation for renovation of multiple facets of Urbana, including:

- Landscaping from **Main Gate to Fountain** (including slope of Tennis Court)
- **Island opposite to the Club** where car parking has been proposed

Therefore, Landscaping team is not investing resources on improving these areas.

Spot Light Areas

Besides the regular maintenance, the team is specially focusing on 2 specific areas to make it delightful for the Urbanites in the coming days - making long term planning & investment to fructify.

The focus areas are:

- Club Circle
- East Avenue

The Club Circle

It's the **Junction Point**: when one exits from the new Towers or the Bungalow area, or going towards/coming from Tower 7-6-5, the view is unmissable.

The round Net has been covered with creepers and to provide green look.



Bougainvillea's of various colors around the net makes it truly vibrant and covers the net.

Many additional Bougainvillea planted this year to make it dense in coming years to provide attractive view.



Hedges:

Lily and Ficus at base, Syzygium at mid row and Bougainvillea, creepers at back provides a multi-layered view



10 (Ten) **Golden Shower** trees planted along the round - expected to bloom in ensuing spring.

Image of 'Golden Shower' shown just for reference purpose here to get a feel how it would look upon blooming.



Reference Image



View from the backside (Tower 7 side) was looking bald with exposed net.

Now, many more Bougainvillea plants of diverse colors planted on the backside, also flower plants to give a perfect view when one approaches from Tower 6-7 side - expected to grow in about a year's time.



By next year, when all plants will grow fully, the entire **Club Circle** would look beautiful from all sides.

East Avenue

The street from Tower 4 to 5 where uninterrupted breeze flows from North to South - many Urbanites call it's the *coolest* place of Urbana - not just temperature is down by a or two degrees here because of cool breeze, but it's cool on many more facets.

Morning and Evening Walkers love the place; many fondly calls it '**Victoria Street**' (Guess why?)

It's the most beautiful view when one cross Tower 4 and walk towards Tower 5 or vice versa as it's the longest street, absolutely on straight line.

The Western Flank:

Tall **Neem** trees in a row give much sought-after *fresh oxygen* to lungs as one walk.



The three-layered hedges at baseline provides an eye soothing view

Rulia at base line.

Syzygium at mid row and

Karabi at last row



In the gaps between the Neem trees, **Madhumalti** creepers hanging from the railing peeps down. Even a partial view of red-white flower is truly refreshing, the mild *Madhumalti* fragrance injects 'romance in the air'.

The Eastern Flank:



In the area between Bengal Gas station and the new Pump House **soft green grass** has been planted to give **lush green** cover

To make the Street to feel like passing through a **Green Tunnel**, multiple steps have been initiated - results expected within next six to twelve months.



Green Grass laid from Market Area to New Pump House on Eastern flank of the Street



Bhanunia creepers planted on the railing edge to fall over the Basement parking wall to provide a green cover on the grey colored wall - expected to fully cover within next 12 months,

The railing is fully covered with Madhmalti creepers. The bhanunia creepers will make the entire wall Green fully.



On the east Boundary wall, green nets have been fixed. *Bhanunia* creepers rising holding the net to cover the wall (Image on left shared for reference), how ultimately the wall might look like turning completely Green



By next season, walls on both side (east and west) expected to turn perfect **Green**; along with the green carpet on east flank, multi-layered plantation on west flank coupled with Neem trees and Madhumalti hanging from railings. It will be most cherished street of Urbana.

Next spring when Madhabilata will be in full bloom, in the dim light, holding Partners' hand, stroll through the *Green Tunnel* along *Victoria Street*, and sing in chorus:

আমার হাত ধরে তুমি
নিয়ে চলো সখা
আমি যে পথ চিনি না

Or

चलते चलते, मेरे ये गीत याद रखना
कभी अलविदा ना कहना
कभी अलविदा ना कहना
रोते हँसते, बस यूँही तुम
गुनगुनाते रहना
कभी अलविदा..

If you really love Madhailata (Madhumalti), here is the hidden 'Treasure'.



On the Central Lawn railing facing east side - continuous creepers of **Madhailata (Madhumalti)** running hundreds of meters over the railing, gives the feeling of 'Flower Valley'.

Next March/April, don't miss to take a stroll along the eastern railing at Central lawn to enjoy the beauty of MadhuMalti overflowing across the entire railing.

If you are *Sandhya Mukhopadhyaya* fan, possibly you will be singing

মধু মালতী ডাকে আয়
ফুল ও ফাগুনের এ খেলায়-
মধু মালতী ডাকে আয়
ফুল ও ফাগুনের এ খেলায়।
যুথী কামিনী কত কথা
গোপনে বলে মলয় আয়
মধু মালতী ডাকে আয়॥

Hold on, there more surprises for you..

You must have been to the famous *Golden Temple* at Amritsar, at Urbana, there is equally attractive **Golden Street** – yes you heard it right !!

Golden Showers

The glowing *Golden* colored trees in a row form such a magnificent view that for a moment you might forget that you are at Urbana.



'A' Avenue (opp. to Tower 5 to 6) is the **Golden Street** of Urbana where dozens of 'Golden Shower' trees are lined in a row along the street. Stand there for few minutes waiting for a breeze to shower golden petals on you like God's blessings. Now, do you really need to go anywhere else to truly enjoy flower?



'Golden Shower' plants lined on both sides of the Park at 'Y' junction of **'C'** and **'D'** Avenue in large numbers

Many more Golden Shower trees in C and D Avenue too.

There was not a single Golden Shower tree on the Tower periphery road, so in 2025 ten 'Golden Shower' trees planted on outskirts of Club circle (expected to glow in Spring, 2027)

Radhachura trees lined on the Southern flank across entire at '**B**' Avenue (from East to West), giving a magnificent view with bright yellow petals laying *Golden Carpet* along the entire street.

Did you notice the **Radha-Krishna leela**?



Radha encircled by her *Sakhis* gleefully playing '*ankh-micholi*'

Where **Radha** is playing with *Sakhis* – can **Krishna** be far behind? Enters *chupkey- chupkey* for *Raas-leela*

There are many varieties of perennial flower plants at different locations - majorly in Bungalow area and few on the Southern Avenue (road opposite to Tower 5 and 6):

Unfortunately, there is not a single perennial flower plant on the Eastern Avenue (opp. to Tower 1 to 4), primarily due to lack of direct sunlight.

Here are few clicks of diverse flowers@ Urbana





Flower lovers, explore yourself at every nook & corner of Urbana, there are many surprises for you

Seasonal Flower:

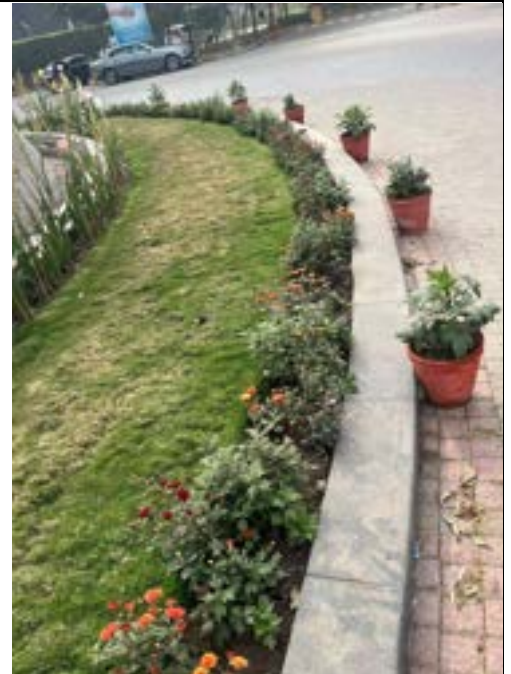
In (a) Winter and (b) Summer-monsoon, seasonal flowers are planted to give a flower fresh look to Urbana.

Here is a link for **Winter 2024-25** plantation:

https://urbanaaao.in/ptadmin/assets/images/media/services/733290641_Horticulture_NYE25.pdf

Here are some of the photos of last **Winter (2025-26)** plantations:





Summer-Monsoon, 2026 Plantation

With onset of **Summer**, bunches of **Portulica** in vibrant color blooming where direct sunlight reaches



Summer Monsson plantation ongoing. Few images of plantation in some areas:

- Sunflower
- Zinia
- Vinca
- Kochia



Plantation as well placement of plants in Pots expected to be completed by 20th May, 2026.

Dividers on Boundary Wall side Parking on North Avenue (opp to Tower 2 to 4).

The shape of current dividers (island) is in very odd shape. Decided to plant *Syzygium* (similar to South Avenue) on parking dividers on North Avenue also.



Parking Dividers on South Avenue with *Syzygium*



For plantation on North Avenue, *Syzygium* procured.

***Syzygium* Hedges** are sturdy in nature and decent looking too



The Team and their Work

A team of 30 dedicated gardeners under guidance of Asst Manager (Horticulture) and Supervisors, work round-the-week, carrying out various activities to maintain the greenery in the 66-acre spread Urbana.

To know their daily activities, click at following links:

- https://urbanaaao.in/ptadmin/assets/images/media/services/780097899_Landsacping_Committee_Report_10_Sept24.pdf
- https://urbanaaao.in/ptadmin/assets/images/media/services/353559603_Landscaping_Report_280924.pdf

The landscaping team comprises of 3 groups:

- Tower Area (one dedicated gardener for each Tower)
- Bungalow Area
- Common Area
- Cost allocation is done accordingly to Tower CAM, Bungalow CAM and Common areas.

Landscaping Team:

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