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New Delhi - 110004, India

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22nd January, 2024

Dear Vice Chancellor/Director,

As you are aware, Amrit Udyan at Rashtrapati Bhavan will be open to public from 2nd Feb, 2024 to 31st March, 2024 during Udyan Utsav 2024. Last year, over 12.5 Lakh visitors toured Amrit Udyan in two months from February to March and then in August – September when it was opened in Monsoon Season for the first time in history.

Udyan Utsav 2024 will be a flowering extravaganza where visitors can witness Tulips, Daffodils, Asiatic Lily, Oriental Lily and many other rare seasonal flowers in full glory. The key attraction will be the beautiful floral patterns of Tulips and 100+ varieties of Roses. Further, visitors can spend time in multiple attractions, a specially curated garden for children called Bal Vatika with story of a 225-year-old Sheesham tree, a treehouse, Nature's classroom etc. Then there are the Bonsai, Circular Gardens with diverse variety of flora and fauna. There is also a vibrant food court where visitors can have refreshments and witness ongoing exhibitions.

Udyan will remain open from 10 am to 5 pm (last entry by 4 pm) every day during this period, except Mondays. Additionally, students and faculties can also visit Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum to explore the history of our nation, evolution of Rashtrapati Bhavan, and lives of various Presidents of India.

It is requested that the information regarding opening of Amrit Udyan in Rashtrapati Bhavan be disseminated to all colleges affiliated with your University/Institution so as to ensure maximum visitation by students and faculty. In connection to this, it is requested that any further details/information in the matter your office may contact Smt. Rubina Chauhan, Deputy Secretary, President's Secretariat (Contact No. 9205855997, Email ID udyanutsav-rb@rb.nic.in).

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Rakesh Gupta)

Udyan Utsav - 2024

Instructions for School and College Visits

1. OPENING AND SUGGESTED DAYS / TIMINGS

- The Gardens will remain open for the general public from 02nd Feb to 31st Mar, 2024
- Recommended visiting days for schools and colleges are Tuesday - Friday
- Recommended entry time slots are 10AM - 11AM, 11AM - 12PM and 3PM - 4PM
- The Gardens will remain closed on Mondays
- The Gardens will be reserved specially for People with Disability on 22nd Feb 2024 and for children from orphanages on 5th March 2024.

2. BOOKINGS AND CONFIRMATION

- Schools and colleges will have three options to book their visits:
 - Online bookings on Rashtrapati Bhavan website (<https://rashtrapatibhavan.gov.in>) and follow the "Amrit Udyan" link in the "Visit" tab.
 - Email at udyanutsav-rb@rb.nic.in
 - Call on +91-9205855997
- Schools and colleges will also have the option to opt for souvenirs and snacks at the time of booking, payment for which needs to be made by respective teacher representatives on the spot
- Schools and colleges interested in visiting Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum can additionally book their slots for the Museum as well. Ticket is free for students. Students can make the most of this learning opportunity.
- Post completion of booking, a confirmation will be shared with respective schools and colleges
- Confirmation will have a QR coded entry ticket that may be used during entry
- Maximum 50 students can be registered on a single booking. In case the number of students is more than 50, a separate booking needs to be done.
- Schools may ensure that students visit the Gardens in proper school uniform only

3. ENTRY PROCESS

- Entry to Gardens will be through Gate No. 35 of the Rashtrapati Bhavan on North Avenue Road (*outlined in the map below*)
- Schools and colleges are required to arrive at the entry gate as per time slot booked by them
- Each accompanying teacher shall carry the booking QR code on their phones to facilitate the entry of students



(Map with entry location at Gate 35 highlighted)

4. TOUR ITINERARY

Start Time	End Time	Duration	Activity
-	T		Arrival and Parking of Bus near Gate 35
T	T + 15 mins	15 mins	QR Code Scanning and Entry from Gate 35
T + 15 mins	T + 105 mins	90 mins	Tour of Gardens (<i>Guides deputed in specific location will provide information about the flora</i>)

T + 105 mins	T + 135 mins	30 mins	Eat and Collect Souvenirs at the Food Court (<i>optional, chargeable: Quantity to be informed in advance while payment to be made on the spot</i>)
T + 135 mins	T + 150 mins	15 mins	Walk towards Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum
T + 150 mins	T + 225 mins	75 mins	Tour of the Museum (<i>optional, Entry is free for govt schools but tickets need be booked separately in advance</i>)
T + 225 mins	T + 240 mins	15 mins	Walk towards Gate 35 for departure
	Total	4 hours	

5. ALLOWED/ RESTRICTED ITEMS

5.1. Allowed Items

- Mobile Phones
- Wallets, Purses or Hand-bags
- Water bottles and Umbrellas

5.2. Restricted Items

- Eatables / Paan / Gutka / Cigarettes
- Backpacks / Cameras / Video Cameras
- Arms and Ammunition

All guidelines, including those related to security, displayed, or announced are applicable to all the schools.

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Brief Primer for School and College Visits

BACKGROUND

The Amrit Udyan will remain open for general public from 02nd Feb to 31st Mar, 2024 during Udyan Utsav 2024. Last year, over 12.5 Lakh visitors toured Amrit Udyan in two months from February to March and then in August – September when it was opened in Monsoon Season for the first time in history.

This edition of the flowering extravaganza will especially focus on welcoming school and college students, and give them a glimpse of Amrit Udyan, the gardens of Rashtrapati Bhavan. This document is being shared with institutes to enable faculties to brief students about what they can expect to see on their visit to Udyan Utsav.

We hope this primer will help build excitement among our young visitors about their trip to Udyan Utsav.

KEY ATTRACTIONS

1. Bal Vatika

A dedicated garden specially for children which includes swings and slides, a Nature's trail, a babbling brook and a Treehouse. Adjacent to it is the section on Birds of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

2. Theme Garden

A dedicated garden to the theme flower of this edition of Udyan Utsav i.e. Tulips. Blend of 18 shades – monochromatic, double tone, early-bloomers, late-bloomers across 18 varieties

3. Bonsai Garden

Set up in 2010 with around 250 Bonsai plants. Varieties include Ficus Infactoria, Ficus Panda, etc.

3. East Lawn & Central Lawn

Consists of flower beds, fountains, water channels, terraces and. These flower beds are planted with tulips, 120 varieties of roses, and 70 varieties of seasonal flowers.

4. Long Garden

Consists of rectangular and square-shaped rose beds of different varieties. Creepers along the side walls blossom with flowers in different colors. Complementing them are shrubs of Choti Narangi.

5. Circular Garden

Consists of fragrant varieties such marigold, viola, and pansies. A bubble fountain in the middle enhances the grandeur of the garden. Home to more than 30 varieties of seasonal flowers including Dahlias which are around 8 feet high.

6. Vertical Garden

An interesting picture point with myriads of plants, artistically arranged vertically.

7. Nature's Classroom

Two nature classrooms formed from the logs of an old tree which completed its life. Many student activities will be organized under the shade of the magnificent Pilkhan tree.

8. Musical Fountains

Artistic fountains perfectly synchronized with classical tunes of shehnai, veena and patriotic songs and surrounded by majestic Banyan Trees

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S UDYAN UTSAV

- Easy to access QR coded information for the floral species
- Guides to provide in-depth information about flora
- Food court and selfie points
- New special features: Fairy Garden, Floral Clock etc.
- Visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum to explore the history of our nation – ticket is free for students. Students can make the most of this learning opportunity.