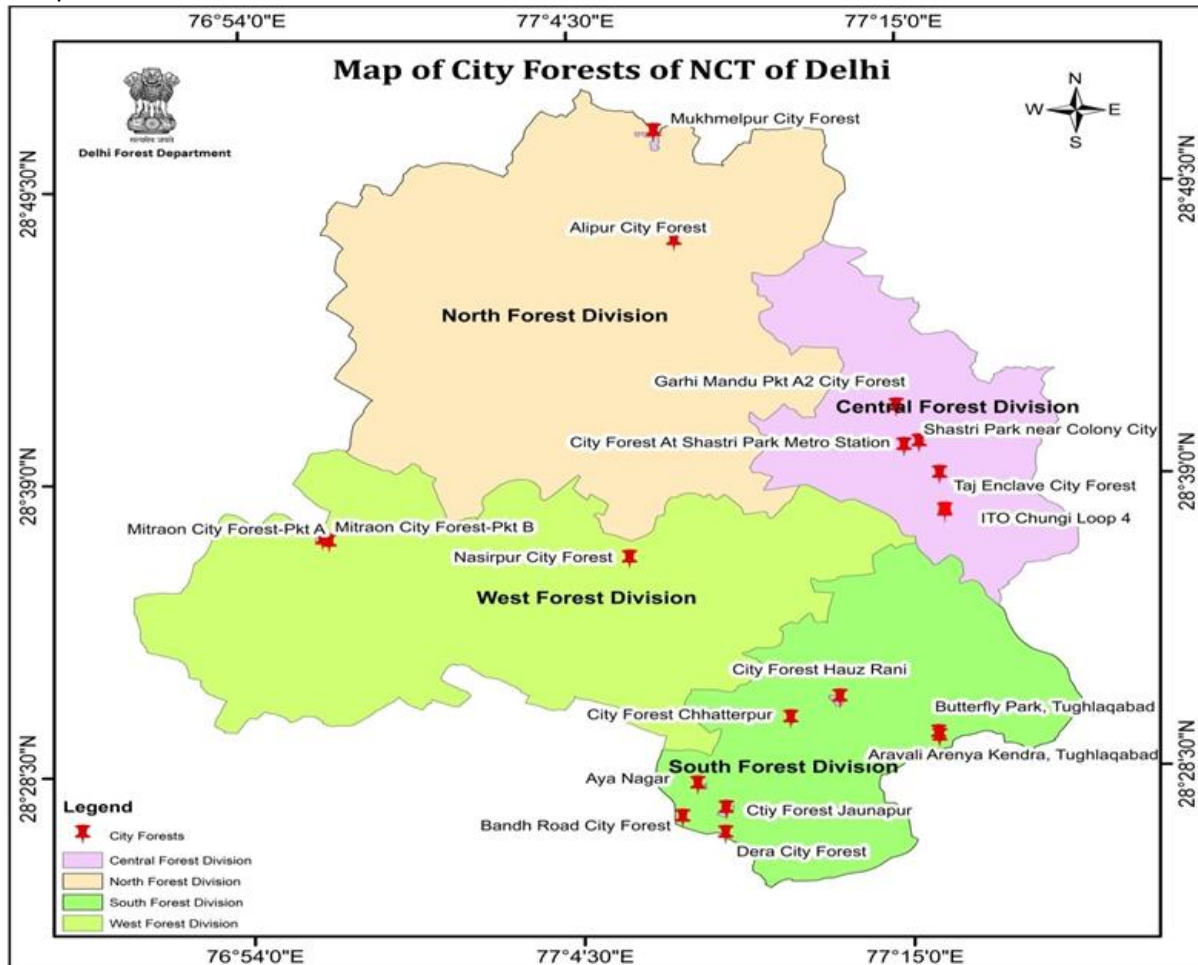




## Delhi forests to get an upgrade; to become of world-class standard

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Environment Minister of Delhi, Gopal Rai announced that Delhi Government plans to upgrade four of its existing forests to world-class standards. The move is aimed toward providing green getaway options to the people within the Capital.

Of the 19 city forests, four forests will be revamped and developed on the theme 'Prakriti ke paas parivar ke sath'. These four forests include the Mitraon city forest (98 acres) in west Delhi, Alipur city forest (48 acres) in north Delhi, Garhi Mandu city forest (42 acres) in northeast Delhi and Jaunapur city forest (98 acres) in south Delhi.

### About the Plan

According to Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai, the City Forests would have facilities such as meditation huts, amphitheatre, nursery and more. Furthermore, dramas, plays and several other activities would be performed to raise awareness among children and youth about the environment. Outdoor activities like bird watching and jungle walks will also be apart of the Jungle.

The Environment Minister also said that the city forests would provide an option to people to enjoy with their friends and families in peace in nature. In addition to this, the project aims to increase green cover in the national capital. A part of the Delhi Government's summer action plan, the project will only entertain eco-friendly development work. Further, for the project, the Delhi Government will set up a steering committee to oversee the development work of these four world-class city forests.

#### **About the Delhi Forest**

According to Forest Department, Government of Delhi, the total recorded forest area in Delhi is 85 sq. km. i.e. 5.73% of the geographic area of which the Reserved and Protected Forests constitute 91.76% and 8.24% of the total forest area respectively.

Mitraon city forest consists of 37 species of trees, 17 varieties of shrubs and 25 types of herbs. On the other hand, Alipur City Forest is located in North District of Delhi was established in 1999 and covers 48 acres.

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