

## **Important Gardens of NDMC:**

### **1. Lodi Garden**

- Area : 80 Acres
  - Nos. of Trees: 5400
  - Nos. of Species: 210
  - The Garden is located between Lodhi Road, Amrita Shergill Marg and Max Muller Marg.
  
  - Four Monuments:
    - (i) Tomb of Mohammad Shah
    - (ii) Big Dome
    - (iii) Sheesh Gumbad (Tomb)
    - (iv) Tomb of Sikandar Shah
- These monuments (Tombs) were built between 1433 to 1533 AD on the land of village Khairpur.
- The Park was developed during British Period and was inaugurated by Lady Willingdon on 9<sup>th</sup> April 1936 . The Park was initially named as Lady Willingdon Park .
  - Due to its historical & archeological importance, the park was renamed as Lodhi Garden .
  - In 1968, further development and beautification was done by noted Architect J.A. Stein.
  - A spiral shaped 300 metre long and 3.3 metre deep lake was developed with a fountain in the middle.
  - In December 1970, a Glass House was developed with the support of Ford Foundation for keeping indoor plants.
  - In 1996, a National Bonsai Park was developed with the support of Indian Bonsai Association in this Bonsai Park 10-50 years old Bonsai are kept belonging to various species- Ficus benghalensis, F. benjamina, F. glomerata, F. infectoria, Pongamia glabra, Grevilla robusta etc.

### **Main features**

- A rose garden has been developed on 2 acres land between Gate No. 3 & 4 which has around 5000 rose plants.
- Palm corner has been developed in around 2 acres land which has cycas, fishtail palm, Dak Palm, Erica Palm, China Palma, Cane, Bottle Palm etc.
- Bamboo Garden : An area has been dedicated to various species of Bamboos.
- Important Tree Species:- Lodhi Garden has an excellent collection of trees. The main tree species include Arjun, Champa, Neem, Jamun, Semal, Amaltas, Moulshree, Peepal, Bargad, Kachnar, Kusum,

Gulmohar, Sheesham, Putranjiva, Ashok, Shahtoot, Silver oak, Magnolia, Augusta , Karanj, Sirris, Bistendu.

- Lodhi Garden provides a very good habitat for birds, which attract large number of migratory birds. There are many resident birds also.
- A Herbal Garden of medicinal plants has been created in 2007.
- New Tree Species introduced- Sita Ashok, Mahogani, Ritha, Sterculias, Tabebuia avellendi

### **Birds in Lodi Garden**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>English Name</b>	<b>Hindi Name/Local Name</b>
1.	Indian Tree Pie	Mahalat
2.	Green Parakeet	Tota
3.	Eurasian Gollared Dove	Dhor Fakta
4.	Common Myna	Desi Myna
5.	Brahminy Myna	Puhya
6.	Koel	Koyal
7.	Black Drongo	Kotwal
8.	White Breasted Kingfisher	Ram chireya
9.	Red Watt led lapwing	Titari
10.	Pied Cuckoo	KalaPipaha
11.	Weaver Bird	Baya
12.	Golden Backed Woodpecker	Kathfora
13.	House Crow	Kouwa
14.	Blue Rock Pigeon	Kabutar
15.	House Sparrow	Goraya
16.	Common Hawk	Papiha
17.	Blue throat	Bluethroat
18.	Red vented Bul Bul	Bulbul
19.	Indian Grey Hornbill	Ghamar
20.	Large Grey Babbler	Satbhai
21.	Tailor Bird	Dargi Chirya
22.	White Rumped Vulture	Gidh
23.	House Swift	Babila
24.	Spotted owlet	Ullu

### **2. Nehru Park**

- Area – 75 acres
- Nos. of Trees: 3700
- Nos. of Species: 126
- Located between Vinay Marg, Panchsheel Marg, Nyaya Marg & Niti Marg.

- Designed by Sh. S.S. Malik and the then Dy. Director, Horticulture Sh. K.C. Sharma.
- Inaugurated on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1965 by the then Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- Shishudhara- an area earmarked for children. Inaugurated by Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister on 14.11.1968. It has message of Pt. Nehru carved on rocks.
- It has 110 tree species and more than 100 species of shrubs. Main tree species include Gulmohar, Neem, Champa, Arar, Alstonia, Kachnar, Eucalyptus, Ashok, Casurina, Bargad, Jacaranda, Dhak, Jamun, Ficus species, Shahtoot etc.
- Nehru Park has around 4 km long jogging track.
- Srijan corner has been set up for displaying art works/paintings of young artists.
- Cultural Programme are also being organized by inviting Renowned artists/singers.
- New Additions; Adansonia digitata, Tabebuias, Erythrinas, Sterculias.

### **3. Talkatora Garden:**

- Area 48 acres.
- Nos. of Trees: 2000
- Nos. of Species: 87
- Located on Mother Teresa Road on north side bounded by Central Ridge Forest .
- Length 425 metre and width 190 metre.
- NDMC started development in 1962
- Mughal Garden architecture style.
- It has a 300 feet long 15 feet wide canal and a waterfall of 15 feet high.
- Work inaugurated on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1970 and the park by Sri Chand Chhabra, the then Chairman, NDMC.
- Talkatora Garden has an open Air Theatre, Fountain, Gym, Nursery and canteen.
- Important tree species include Moolsari, Pistachia (kakar), Mango, Gulmohar, Barna, Peepal, Bargad, Safed Sirris, Kala Sirris, Jamun, Babool, Keekar, Neem, Shahtoot, Semal, Harsingar, Bel, Chir, Imli, Kadam, Date Palm, Cassia siamia, Cassia roxburghii, Kadam and a large number of shrubs.
- A herbal Garden was inaugurated by Smt. Sheila Dikshit, Chief Minister of Delhi during 2007.
- Tree species newly introduced: Adansonia digitata, Sarraca indica,

### **4. Sanjay Jheel Park Laxmi Bai Nagar:**

- Area 16 acres.

- Nos. of Trees: 1400
- Nos. of Species: 33
- Located on Brigadier Hosiyar Singh Road in front of Laxmi Bai Nagar.
- It has a Canal and Ducks as its main feature.
- Park was inaugurated on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun 1982 by Hon'ble M.P. Sh. Rajiv Gandhi.
- Sanjay Jheel Park has an open Swimming Pool, Children recreation corner, open Gym, Herbal Corner and Huts etc.
- Important tree species include Mousari, Gulmohar, Neem, Harsingar, Chir, Kadam, Acassia, Grevellia robusta, Choresia, Plumeria alba, Heterophragma, Bamboos, Bhunia alba, Jacaranda, Poltuforem, Erethrena etc. and a large number of shrubs.

### **5. Central Park:**

- Area 08 acres.
- Nos. of Trees: 649
- Nos. of Species: 19
- Located on Inner Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi.
- It has a Amphitheater, Flag height 207 feet, small fountains, Cascades and Wooden Bridge as its main feature.
- Park was inaugurated on 14.12.2006 by Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. Sheila Dikshit.
- Important tree species include Pipal, Alstonia, Jacaranda, Poltuforem, Arjun, Jamun, Ashok, Neem, Amaltas, Kachnar, Pilkhan, Semel etc.

### **6. Children Park at India Gate**

- Area 15 acres.
- Nos. of Trees: 834
- Nos. of Species: 50
- Located on Inner Circle, India Gate, New Delhi.
- It has a Herbal Garden, Amphitheatre, Fish Aquarium, Children's Library, Musical fountain, Play Equipments for different age group, open Gym, Yoga Sthal, Leisure Lawn (lung of the Garden) as its main feature.