



Gardens Within A Garden

Sunder Nursery, New Delhi

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- Traces the journey of restoration and transformation of Sunder Nursery and its surroundings
- Documents the conservation works guided by Indian garden traditions—honoring the past while embracing a vision for the future
- A valuable resource for practitioners, policymakers, scholars, and communities alike

Nestled between the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Humayun’s Tomb and the sacred precinct of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, Sunder Nursery is a landscape shaped by centuries of history, culture and nature. This book introduces Sunder Nursery and its surroundings, exploring its rich history and distinctive natural and cultural features. It traces the journey of its revival over the past years, documenting the site’s original conditions, the restoration of its built heritage, the renewal and enhancement of its ecological character, and its emergence as a vital urban space in New Delhi.

Over the past 18 years, the urban-scale project has encompassed more than 200 individual projects, including conservation works on nearly 75 monuments, improvements in the quality of life of over 20,000 residents of Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti through various socio-economic and urban improvement initiatives, and the landscape design of over 81 hectares across the Humayun’s Tomb complex, Sunder Nursery, and the neighborhood parks of Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti.

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