

# ANANG TAL SITE TO BE CENTRALLY PROTECTED

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The ancient mound at Mehrauli in South Delhi, including Anang Tal lake, could soon become a Centrally protected site, with the Archaeological Survey of India this week calling for objections or suggestions to its plan to declare it a site of national importance.

The ASI said in a Gazette notification on Monday that “the Central Government is of the opinion that the ancient mound including Anang Tal, ... is an ancient site and remains of national importance”. Once declared to be of national importance, the site would be protected by the ASI and incur restrictions on construction activity in its vicinity. The notification asked for objections and suggestions to be sent to the ASI director-general for a period of two months, after which they would be taken into consideration.

National Monuments Authority chairman Tarun Vijay, who, along with officials has called for the restoration of the site.

The city was known earlier as DhillikaPuri, as stone inscriptions excavated by Lord Cunningham have revealed

Gazette notification

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