

The Department of English and History, Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi are currently working on **an ICSSR sponsored Major Research Project titled Diver-city: A Virtual City Compendium Project (VCCP)**. Delhi as a city has witnessed amalgamation of many urban idioms that developed over a millennium. With changing course of history, Delhi's lived space has molded itself as per its ruler. This project aims to bring varied facets of Delhi under one roof in the form a virtual encyclopedic resource. Over the years the role of a compendium has expanded and evolved from a space for display of unique historical objects to providing multi-sensory experiential learning. The most recent addition to this new category of museums is the idea of Virtual City Archive Projects (VCAP). It is dedicated to documenting, presenting, promoting and contemplating cities through canonical and non-canonical, traditional and technological and academic and crowd-sourced resources and narratives spanning various mediums. The idea behind such archives is to be able to encapsulate and curate the collective memories, significant narratives and definitive information of a city. These compendium function without the limitation of set boundaries and solve the problem of accessibility. Through this augmented and enhanced museum, travel enthusiasts, scholars, students or even residents of Delhi can tap into the diverse composite Delhi experience.

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