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The historic Udayan Fort in Kaushambi, dating back nearly 2,500 years to the era of the ancient Vatsa Mahajanapada, is set to undergo restoration following official approval, officials said recently.

About Udayan Fort

- Udayan Fort, also known as Udayan Kila, is a historical site located in the **Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh**.
- It is located **on the banks of the Yamuna River**.
- The fort is associated with **King Udayana**, the **ruler of the Vatsa kingdom—one of the 16 Mahajanapadas of ancient India**.
- It served as the **capital fort of the Vatsa kingdom** during the **6th century BCE**.
 - **King Udayana** was known for his military strength, diplomatic skills, and cultural patronage.
 - According to Buddhist and Jain texts, **Udayana had connections with both Lord Buddha and Mahavira, who visited Kaushambi** and contributed to its spiritual growth.

- The fort thus played a **key role in shaping** the early **political and religious landscape** of the region.

- **Architectural Remains and Layout:**

- The **layout** of the fort suggests a **well-planned administrative and residential zone**, complete with defensive structures and public buildings.
- The defensive structures include **thick brick walls**, earth ramparts, and **bastions** rising up to 50 to 60 feet, along with evidence of protective moats or trenches.
- The site is characterized by extensive brickbats scattered across the ground, hinting at the density of buildings that once stood inside the fortress.
- Archaeologists have **unearthed pottery, coins, and ancient tools** from the area, providing **evidence of a thriving settlement**.

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