

**MCD COMES OUT WITH COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR  
MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE IN DELHI**

Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra today unveiled MCD's Comprehensive Master Plan for Management of Solid Waste in Delhi to work out a holistic approach to make Delhi a worthy, liveable, clean, eco-friendly world-class city. Making presentation before the Mr. Tejender Khanna, the Lt. Governor of Delhi at Raj Niwas, the plan tackles all aspects of sanitation including their collection, segregation, storage, transportation, processing, and disposal of solid waste alongwith related logistical requirements. Deputy Mayor, Mr. Divya Jaiswal, Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Vijender Gupta, Leader of Opposition, Mr. Jai Kishan Sharma, Municipal Commissioner, Mr. A. K. Nigam participated in the presentation. Chief Secretary, GNCTD, Mr. Rakesh Mehta was also present on the occasion.

Mayor informed that Lt. Governor appreciated the Master Plan. He appreciated that MCD has prepared the Master Plan within the given time frame. He said that there is visible change in Delhi on sanitation front. The number of complaints with regard to sanitation has reduced.

Briefing about the MCD's proposal, Mayor said that an assessment of available and required manpower and machinery has been made in the plan. The administrative system of Environment Management Services was also assessed. It is expected that the Master Plan would shortly be in place. The plan will be implemented on war-footing for efficient disposal of solid waste.

Mayor informed that the salient features of the proposed system are:-

- Attendance of safai karamcharis through biometric system to avoid absentism.
- Segregation at source.
- Door to door collection.
- Decentralized local level composting at individual/community level to avoid transportation.
- Introduction of sweeping of main roads by mechanical sweeper.

- Processing of waste through cost-effective/innovative technologies to suit the local waste quality.
- Processing of onstruction and demolition waste.
- Proper management of horticulture waste.
- Procurement and upgradation of various machines.
- Enfocement of anti-littering through ex-servicemen including spot fine.
- Massive awareness programme related to handling and disposal of solid waste and its concern with environment.

Mayor informed that the Master Plan makes appreciable improvements in the existing system in all respects of solid waste management. In the existing system, households have one bin today which is transported through waste collector in one bin rickshaw to dahalao having single compartment. The waste is then transported to landfill sites. In the proposed system, the households will have two bins, one for bio-degradable and one for non-biodegradable. The system will be implemented through RWAs who will implement and monitor the scheme. From the household level, it will be taken in two bin rickshaws to integrated treatment and disposal facility. The system will abolish dahalaos in phases. The manual street sweeping will be replaced by mechanized main road sweeping. The internal roads will continue to swap on manual basis.

At present, only 428 unauthorized colonies are being swept. In the proposed Master Plan, all the 1539 unauthorized colonies will be taken for cleaning on regular basis. At present, the horticulture waste is mixed with solid waste. In the proposed system, small quantities will be composed at colony level. Large quantity will be composted through trucks at compost plants. The transportation will be fully mechanized through compactors and loaders.

As far as disposal of solid waste is concerned, new sanitary landfill sites will be developed at Jaitpur and Narela-Bawana Road having processing capacity of 1000 metric tons per day. The landfill sites will be engineered to ensure potability of ground water and good environment.

It is proposed to stall plant for management of construction and demolition based with average capacity of 2500 metric tons per day.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Statue of renowned freedom fighter, Mr. Ram Charan Aggarwal unveiled**

**THE PATRIOTISM, STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE & DEVELOPMENT OF DELHI OF SH. AGGARWAL IS WORTH EMULATING FOR ALL OF US**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today unveiled the statue of renowned freedom fighter, Mr. Ram Charan Aggarwal installed by MCD at Ram Charan Aggarwal Chowk near Bahadurshah Zafar Marg. Mr. Aggarwal went to jail many times during struggle for freedom of India while following the footprints of Mahatma Gandhi, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and Lal Bahadur Shastri. His entire life was dedicated for the welfare of society.

Mr. Jai Prakash Aggarwal, Member of Parliament, Mr. Farhad Suri, Former Mayor, Mr. Ramakant Goswami, MLA, Mr. Jai Kishan Sharma, Leader of Oposition, Smt. Anita Sharma, area Municipal Councillor, Mr. Murari Lal Jatav and Mr. Raj Bir Dabbas Municipal Councillors were also present on this occasion.

Ms. Arti Mehra paying tributes to Mr. Ram Charan Aggarwal described him as a true Gandhivadi. Taking inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Ram Charan Aggarwal entered into India's struggle for freedom at the age of only 16 years. He went to jail in 1939 when he was only 20 years old. He alongwith Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali took part in Quit India Movement and went to jail in the year 1942 and again in the year 1945. He emphasized cleansing of Yamuna owing to his foresight. He always struggled for welfare and emancipation of poor sections of society living in slum bastis and katras. He was symbol of old cultural heritage of the walled city.

Mr. Jai Prakash Aggarwal, MP in his address said that Mr. Ram Charan Aggarwal was deeply concerned with development of Delhi and MCD was his soul. He always believed that MCD is a nice organization and it should never be dissolved. He was of the view that there should be single local body for entire Delhi.

Contd...2...

Mr. Jai Kishan Sharma, Leader of Opposition in MCD, speaking on the occasion said that Mr. Aggarwal was elected as member of the MCD in the year 1951, 1954 and 1958. He was elected as first Deputy Mayor of Delhi. He brought Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru at Chandni Chowk many times for inauguration of several projects. He was staunch follower of Mahatama Gandhi, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and Smt. Indira Gandhi. He dedicated his entire life for welfare of poor and downtrodden sections of Society.

Mr. Ramakant Goswami speaking on the occasion said that the first night shelter for shelterless poor people was set-up by his efforts. He struggled hard for rehabilitation and development of dwellers of slum katras and JJ clusters. Owing to his zeal for welfare of citizens of Delhi, he was elected many times as member of MCD and Delhi Metropolitan Council.

Mr. Farhad Suri, former Mayor on this occasion said that MCD should fix a plaque near the statue in which brief biography of Mr. Aggarwal shall be displayed so that citizens could emulate the ideals shown by this renowned freedom fighter into their lives. He also demanded that the name of some hospital, stadium or community hall shall also be named on his name.

\*\*\*\*\*

**FOR FAVOUR OF COMMUNICATION    Wednesday, December 19, 2007**

Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra today took strong exception to the letter of the Chief Minister of Delhi, Mrs. Sheila Dikshit in which she alleged that there is perceptible decline in road maintenance and sanitation around roads and berms. She said that the Chief Minister has made sweeping allegations without substantiating her observations. She says that there is perceptible decline in the standard of road maintenance. She alleges that there is construction material, debris, mud, garbage heaps on roads as well as road berms. But in the entire letter she has not named even a single road where such conditions are prevailing. She has also not clarified, since when the "perceptible decline" started. It clearly shows that the allegations are unsubstantiated, baseless and politically motivated.

Ms. Mehra pointed out that interestingly the Chief Minister says that MCD Engineers and Officers should be directed that road conditions should improve and material should not be allowed to be accumulated on roads and berms. In the same breath, she says that "Similar orders are being issued in respect of PWD roads by the Government of NCT of Delhi". It implies that the PWD roads are in no better condition than the alleged condition of MCD roads. So, it is amusing that from the view point of Ms. Dikshit, both Delhi Government and MCD are in the same boat.

Mayor pointed out that it would be pertinent to note that all the Main Roads, Zonal Roads and Ring Road alongwith the service roads on both sides of ring road are with Delhi Government. Some of the roads taken over from the MCD have suffered with regard to their original maintenance position and riding quality. A number of roads maintained by PWD itself with lot of funds available for their upkeep and maintenance are in miserable conditions. Malba, debris, mud and building material is lying on these roads. These include, roads situated in service roads of Ring Road at Wazirpur Industrial Area in front of Richi Rich and Shalimar Bagh side, Aurobindo Marg near Adhchini opp. Max Hospital, Mathura Road, Press Enclave, Badarpur-Mehrauli Road, Anuvarat Marg, Guru Ravidass Marg (Kalkaji), Wazirabad Road, Road No.66 (Shahdara), Road No.37 (Pitampura), 100 feet road (Shahdara) has been badly cut and malba is lying and road connecting Durgapuri Chowk to Maujpur Chowk.

It was pointed out by Mayor that during a recent presentation of the Master Plan for Solid Waste Management before the Lt. Governor of Delhi, Mr. Tejender Khanna himself had pointed out that there is visible improvement in the sanitation standards of Delhi. He had said that the number of complaints with regard to sanitation received in his office has remarkably declined. He appreciated the earnestness of MCD to make Delhi cleaner. He also appreciated that the civic body had timely prepared a well-documented Master Plan for making Delhi a global city.

Mayor said that it appears that the Chief Minister has kicked off the political campaign for Assembly election slated in 2008. She is preparing background for bringing bad name for the ruling party in the MCD. This kind of political bullying of MCD cannot be allowed. It is, in fact, the other way round. Delhi Government is in a position where it can unnecessarily criticize MCD for no rhyme or reason. It is taking advantage of its position rather than enabling the civic body to discharge its function more effectively.

Mayor said that it is unfortunate that the letter of the Chief Minister addressed to the Mayor was leaked to media even before it could reach her. It is against ethical principles. She had written a number of letters to the Chief Minister on various issues pertaining to Delhi Government and MCD, but she never passed these letters to media as has been done in the present case. The graceful relation between two heads of the institutions should be maintained at all costs. However, it is regretted that it was not done in this case.

Ms. Arti Mehra, said that Delhi Government is in the habit of arm twisting MCD rather than introspecting its own functioning. Over the years Delhi Government has been converting grants into loan and its repayments, which is against the financial ethical principles. The two financial domains i.e. grants and loan should never be mixed. But, since Delhi Government releases the funds, it takes upon itself to deduct loan and repayment of loan against grants. For instance, if Delhi Government has a grant of Rs.200 crores to give to MCD, it deducts Rs.100 crores at its own level and gives only Rs.100 crores to MCD. The whole approach of Delhi Government is weakening MCD. It is left with no funds for development works. It is not understood, how the funds will be managed for civic services. The contractors do not take work relating to MCD because the finances are held up. Delhi Government must not muddle with financial matters and maintain clean objective and transparent profile befitting its stature. It will be better if Delhi Government honestly look at its own functioning before criticizing MCD. Its sole dream is to weaken MCD - both administratively and financially and take upon itself the functions of municipality one by one.

During the last nine years of the Congress rule, the pet dream of Mrs. Dikshit has been to weaken MCD by dividing it into smaller corporations and taking upon its various activities. Serious efforts have been made to bifurcate MCD, but for MCD's strong resolute, Delhi Government might have succeeded in its efforts. On the day before yesterday, DPCC President, Mr. Jai Prakash Aggarwal said from the platform of Sh. Ram Charan Aggarwal's statue unveiling ceremony that MCD is a very good organization and he will ensure that it grows from strength to strength. He clearly said that some people talk of bifurcating MCD which is not in the interest of this beautiful organization. He clearly said that he is against any bifurcation of the civic body. He wants a unified and strong MCD. Mayor expressed hope that the Chief Minister will draw a lesson from DPCC President, Mr. Aggarwal.

Delhi Vidyut Board and Delhi Jal Board were taken over by Delhi Government. Mrs. Dikshit should look into their performance and honestly tell whether their performance has improved or deteriorated. The citizens would agree that their performance was much better when they were with MCD. Neither the supply of water nor power has improved. Citizens are badly hit by their shortage.

The sewage disposal is another pointer in the direction of the poor performance of Delhi Government. Though it was taken back about a decade back, Delhi Government has failed to set-up control rooms for attending to the complaints of the citizens. People do not know where to complain in case of sewer blockage. All the complaints land up with MCD control rooms and its concerned departments. The position becomes worst during the rainy season, when people run from pillar to post. Most of the PWD roads gets deluged during rains. No heed has been paid by Delhi Government to ensure that rain water gets dewatered smoothly.

Delhi Government is usurping the rights of MCD being a local self government. A number of committees have been constituted in MCD to ensure speedy and effective disposal of obligatory functions under the DMC Act, 1957. The Rural Area Committee is constituted under the provision of the Act. It has been functioning smoothly. It utilized 99% of its budget allotted budget during 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06. The funds meant for rural development have been diverted by Delhi Government to Rural Development Board. It has not been able to utilize even 50% of the allocated budget. As a result the development works in rural areas have suffered a lot. The roads are in miserable condition. It would be appropriate that Delhi Government must restore the democratic rights of the people living in rural areas as well as a provision of an Act passed by Parliament. The entire fund meant for rural development should be entrusted to Rural Development Committee.

The Delhi High Court directed Delhi Government to assist MCD in controlling monkey menace. It was directed to build boundary wall around Asola Wildlife Sanctuary, so that monkeys transported there by MCD do not come out of it. It was also directed to ensure that monkeys are well fed and provided with potable water. It was also directed that it should provide MCD with sufficient number of cages. But Delhi Government has failed on all the fronts, whereas MCD has discharged its responsibilities in an effective manner. During the eight months of current financial year, it has caught 3165 monkeys, which is a record in itself. Earlier, MCD was catching 200-300 monkeys per year. It has already formed ten teams and three teams are in pipeline. Earlier, there were just two monkey catchers. But, Delhi Government has not geared itself. It has failed to provide the required number of cages despite repeated requests and follow-up by MCD. It has failed to build-up boundary wall around the Asola Wildlife Sanctuary with

a result that the monkeys transported by MCD are coming out, creating problems from the neighbouring residence.

Delhi Government is eyeing upon taking primary schools from MCD. It has forgotten that it has already taken more than 800 middle schools comprising primary classes from MCD. At that time, it was decided that the primary education will stay with MCD, then why to interfere at this stage. MCD has made great strides in the field of primary education. Even the High Court of Delhi has expressed satisfaction. The Mid-day Meal programme is going smoothly covering all children. The benefit of insurance cover is being extended to all students. During the current financial year 250 classrooms have been completely constructed and work is going on 1450 classrooms. It would be pertinent to note that MCD has exceeded the target of constructing 800 classrooms. For improving infrastructural facilities in MCD schools, an amount of Rs.50,000/- is being regularly given to Principals. The Public Private Partnership (PPP) has been introduced with aim to involve private partnership with the education. To begin with, toilets and drinking water facilities have been arranged in 50 schools. Financial provision has been provided to all children for uniform cloth, shoes, socks, school bags and jerseys. The Public Grievance Committees are functioning smoothly in all zonal educational departments of all the 12 zones.

Delhi Government is also trying to take over the functions entrusted to MCD for development Slums and JJ clusters. MCD is ensuring that all the responsibilities entrusted to it are discharged in a fair manner. The system of plot allotment has been modified to ensure that only genuine persons are allotted plots and they continue to hold it for their own use. Before allotment, the representatives of land owning agency and Slum & JJ Department will carry out a joint survey. The JJ dwellers will be asked to produce documentary evidence of their residence. The concerned family members will be photographed and video film made for record. The head of the family will be required to give fingerprints through biometric method. The joint survey will be publicly displayed and objections, if any, will be invited. The allotment will be made by a Committee constituted for the purpose after obtaining affidavit from the concerned dwellers.

Delhi Government is not allowing MCD to auction plots with the result that the financial position of Slum & JJ Department has been grossly undermined. If the plots are auctioned, the funds generated would be placed in fixed deposit and development work be carried out of the interest, but the attitude of Delhi Government is rather surprising. It is ensuring that development works relating to Slum & JJ come to stand still so that it can capitalize the bad name and may can excuse for overtaking the department. But, MCD will not allow such designs of Delhi Government to materialize.

\*\*\*\*\*



**MAYOR CALLS UPON FOR MAKING DELHI TB-FREE**

Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra today called upon Delhiites and medical community to make Delhi TB-free. She pointed out that it is matter of great concern that Delhi still has 40,000 open TB patients. She said that if adequate care is taken and these patients take full course of Anti-TB medicines, they can be fully cured. She was speaking on the occasion of TB Awareness Programme at MCD's Chest Clinic at Gulabi Bagh. She also distributed blankets and other items to 100 TB patients. These were donated by the staff of the Chest Clinic, Gulabi Bagh. Dr. V.K. Monga, Chairman, Health Committee, MLA, Mr. Shadi Ram, Municipal Councillor, Mrs. Renu Gupta, Director, Health Administration, Dr. Madhu Jain, In-Charge, Gulabi Bagh Chest Clinic, Dr. Mehra, Delhi TB Control Officer, Dr. R.P.Vashishth and President of Delhi Medical Association, Dr. Ramesh Dutta participated in the TB Awareness Programme.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Mehra said that 600 DOT Centers are being run in Delhi with co-operation of MCD, Delhi Government and NGOs. Any one having doubt about his TB status, can visit any of these Centers and get a thorough check-up.

Dr. Vashishth said that owing to Revised TB Control Programme, the curative percentage has risen from 30-85 percent. The mortality rate has come down from 15-20 percent to 3 percent.

\*\*\*\*\*

FOR FAVOUR OF PUBLICATION

Tuesday, December 25, 2007

Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra today paid glowing tributes to Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya on the occasion of his 146<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. A simple function was organized by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi at his statue installed at Malviya Park in Malviya Nagar.

Pt. Madam Mohan Malviya was one of those great sons of India who spent their lives for the welfare of downtrodden section of the society. He was great crusader of secularism. His main ideal was that any nation can progress when all citizens live with love, peace and brotherhood forgetting communal, regional or religious-based differences. He always advocated that India is a secular country.

\*\*\*\*\*

MAYOR INSPECTS CIVIC CENTRE AT MINTO ROAD

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today inspected Civic Centre at intersection of Minto Road and Jawaharlal Nehru Marg to review the progress of the work of its construction. Municipal Corporation of Delhi will spend Rs.550 crores on construction of this Civic Centre. The media persons were also shown the progress of construction work being carried out at the site.

At present, the construction work is in full swing and Tower Block (Block-E) has reached sky-high of 18<sup>th</sup> Floor and is likely to touch 28<sup>th</sup> Floor by the end of March, 2008 so that project will be completed by the prescribed time i.e. December, 2008. Other parallel activities such as Architectural works, plumbing and fire fighting works, HVAC work, Electrical works are also in progress at different floors/blocks. Various equipments including Chillers from USA for HVAC work had already reached at site. Lifts and escalators from China and Switzerland, DG Sets from Germany are likely to be received shortly.

Ms. Arti Mehra further informed that the proposed Headquarter of MCD is spread over an area of 12 acres. This new gigantic tallest structure of Delhi, with an approximate height in excess of 100 mtrs., will have four six-storey blocks, one 28-storey Tower Block in addition to Services block, with a ground coverage of 25% and covered area close to 1,16,750 sq. mtr. Town Hall, the present Headquarter of Municipal Corporation of Delhi has already been declared a heritage building and is located in a congested area making it difficult for the public to reach there, so as to solve their problems. The Town Hall complex will be vacated and occupants will be shifted to this new complex under one roof which is in very advance stage of construction. Once completed, this building complex will house offices of different MCD Departments located at various locations including Town Hall.

The building is designed as per best Engineering practices in energy and natural resource conservation measures like :-

- Complete automation through intelligent building management system incorporating CCTV, Fire detection, HVAC, DG Set, Lifts etc.

- Energy efficient Centrifugal Chillers and Heat Recovery Wheel fitted fresh air treatment units.
- Solar energy based outdoor lighting and water heating system
- Lighting management system with dimmer control and occupancy/daylight sensors
- Multi head multi output Fire-fighting main pump
- Elevators and escalators with energy efficient VVVF drive.
- Zero water waste planned for proper use of treated water
- Rain water harvesting
- Use of environment friendly fly ash bricks
- Structural glazing designed for minimum heat gain and optimum use of daylight
- Thick foliage around the inner periphery of the building to reduce transfer of noise/air pollution

The Mayor further informed that in addition to the above, the Civic Centre complex is also equipped with : -

- 100% power back-up
- Dedicated 33kv sub station for uninterrupted power supply
- Dedicated Sewerage Treatment Plant - no load on city system
- Designated Parking space for more than 2500 cars
- Proper Traffic Management Plan for surrounding area
- Two-engine fire station proposed with in the complex for emergency.

The Mayor also informed that the upcoming 28 storey high, ultra-modern Civic Centre at the intersection of Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg and Minto Road will be a 24-hour live spot rather than 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. office complex. Besides, accommodating offices, it will be a citizen-friendly nerve centre of Delhi, which will have five acre of open green area with half acre area exclusively devoted to children, where they could play and entertain themselves. It will come alive in the evening hours with banquet halls, functions, parties, cultural programmes etc. She assured that MCD will have appealing landscape done by eminent architects. It will provide much needed environmental relief to the area which is presently surrounded by offices, medical and educational institutions as well as residential complexes.

\*\*\*\*\*

**FOR FAVOUR OF PUBLICATION**

**Thursday, December 27, 2007**

**Mayor inspected various areas of Bhajanpura**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today inspected various areas of Shahdara North Zone namely Bhajanpura, Gamri, Gokulpur etc. She was accompanied by Ch. Mahak Singh, Member of the Standing Committee, Mr. Avdhesh Kumar Singh, Ms. Laxmi Dhasmana, Ms. Usha Shastri, Municipal coucillors, Mr. P.R. Sethi, Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Vijay Prakash, Chief Engineer, Mr. Mange Ram Tawatia, Director (Horticulture) and other senior officers of MCD.

Mayor directed the officers of Horticulture Department that Sardar Patel Park at Bhajanpura shall be developed and entrance gate shall be constructed alongwith grills. The officer of Engineering Department were directed by the Mayor that the work of construction of Gamri Road drain shall start soon. It will cost Rs.28 lacs. Similarly the work of construction at Bhajanpura main market shall also be started which will cost around 32 lacs. The Mayor expressed her anguish over non provision of electricity at Municipal Primary School at Gamri Village. She directed that Show Cause Notice should be issued to contractor to explain why electric fittings were not completed. She also directed that the work of disilting of Gokalpur drain shall start soon so that it could be completed well before monsoon.

\*\*\*\*\*

*Press Conference of Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi*

**17 NEW HEAVY EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENTS ADDED IN THE  
SANITATION FLEET OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI  
SO AS TO BRING EXTRA-ORDINARY IMPROVEMENT IN THE  
DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE GENERATED IN DELHI**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today informed that Municipal Corporation of Delhi have procured 17 new Heavy Earth Moving Equipments for better management of solid waste at sanitary landfill sites of Delhi at a total cost of about Rs.10 crores.

Giving details, Ms. Mehra informed that Nine bulldozers of model BD-65 have been purchased at a cost of about Rs.78 lacs each. Five hydraulic excavators, model BE-220 at a cost of Rs.48.02 lacs each. Similarly, three backhoe loaders have also been purchased at a cost of Rs.19.8 lacs. All these equipments have been purchased from Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., a renowned Government of India undertaking.

The Mayor disclosed that all these equipments will be used for leveling solid waste dumped at three sanitary landfill sites which exist at Bhalaswa, Ghazipur and Okhla. She stressed that these equipments were required urgently, since the heaps of solid waste at these sites is gaining height day by day. It was, therefore, imperative that such equipments shall be purchased for leveling the garbage since other sites for dumping the garbage are not readily available. These equipments can also be used for excavation, desilting and lifting of garbage as and when required.

Ms. Arti Mehra further disclosed that to ensure efficient and regular use of these equipments for the first time MCD has entered into contract for maintenance with the manufacturer itself. The contract is primarily for six years. The manufacturer will provide necessary parts and service required for adequate maintenance, whereas the expenditure on diesel and lubricants will be borne by the MCD.

Contd...2...

Giving background, Ms. Mehra disclosed that disposal of solid waste is now becoming acute problem in major cities especially metropolis like Delhi. Delhi the capital city of India is one of the most populated city in the world and is generating over 6000 metric tonnes of solid waste daily. If this pace of increase in population and commercialization will continue, then generation of garbage will go up to 14,300 metric tons per day by the year 2024. For the better standard of living and healthy tomorrow, MCD must focus its attention on disposal of the garbage generated in Delhi.

The Mayor emphasized that in case of Delhi, the land for disposal of garbage is scarce and there is a need to discover alternate methods for disposal of garbage. As per experience of advanced and developed countries, the recycling of garbage is imperative to cope up with ever increasing quantity of garbage. It is in this context that any strategy to find new ways and means to recycle garbage and producing energy resources like fuel, gas and electricity really is the need of hour. Besides, MCD also need necessary manpower and machinery to for disposal of ever increasing quantity of garbage. Therefore, MCD has now started strengthening its sanitation fleet in a phased manner.

The Mayor, giving details of future plans said that MCD is also procuring advance machinery for carrying out the work of desilting of nallahs efficiently. Two super-sucker machines for desilting of nallahs will be available to MCD at a cost of Rs.13 crores shortly. Besides, 40 front-end loaders, 15 excavator loaders, 12 skit steer loader, 130 tipper trucks and tracked excavators will be purchased in the coming few years at a cost of Rs.70 crores.

The Mayor also informed that MCD is developing engineered sanitary landfill site at Jaitpur near Badarpur. This site will be spread over an area of 24.6 acres and will be 25 meters in depth. It can absorb 1000 metric tons of garbage everyday. A plant will be set-up at Burari which will process 500 metric tons of malba everyday. MCD has also procured land for developing sanitary landfill site at Narela-Bawana Road. It will also have capacity of 1000 metric tons of solid waste management every day. Another integrated project at Bhatti Mines has also been proposed.

\*\*\*\*\*

**MAYOR CONGRATULATED DELHITES  
ON THE OCCASION OF NEW YEAR**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today congratulated the citizens of Delhi on the occasion of New Year. In a sta\*tement issued on the eve of New Year - 2008, she prayed that the coming year shall bring peace, prosperity, happiness, comfort in the lives of every citizen of Delhi and his family. Our proud nation, as well as loveliest Delhi shall flourish and remain free from terrorism during the coming year.

The Mayor further said that MCD is committed to provide primary education to each and every child of Delhi. MCD is earnestly trying to bring every child to the school. MCD will now carry out door-to-door survey to encourage guardians of those children who are not being sent to school to send their wards in municipal primary schools. Special emphasis is being laid on sanitation front as well as increasing greenery. She assured that MCD will cover significant milestones during coming year also and will be successful to provide clean, healthier and transparent local administration to citizens of Delhi.

\*\*\*\*\*