

Rain Water Harvesting in MCD Parks

**SEGREGATION OF GARBAGE AND ITS CONVERSION INTO
COMPOST AT SOCIETY LEVEL SCHEME LAUNCHED**

Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra today inaugurated the pilot project at Rohini to segregate the garbage at local level and dumping it nearby to convert it into compost. The project has been started from the Ward No.50 of Mr. Vijender Gupta, Chairman, Standing Committee, MCD. In the first phase, the societies located at Sector-13 will be taken for implementation of the project since they have to go at least 1½ kms. to dump the garbage at MCD dhalao. On the occasion, number of councillors of nearby area were also present including Ms. Meera Aggarwal, Mr. Vijay Pandey, Mr. Sudesh Bhasin, Mr. Parvesh Wahi, Ms. Anju Jain, Ms. Usha Gupta, Mr. Harish Awasthi and Mr. Anish Jain. The function was also attended by number of representatives of Group Housing Societies of nearby area who showed keen interest in implementation of the scheme in their societies.

Ms. Arti Mehra, speaking on the occasion said that although sanitation is an obligatory function of MCD, yet it cannot be achieved without the cooperation of the public, so to keep our city clean with the new concept of biodegradable and recyclable waste management, public participation is imperative. The Mayor emphasized the need to change our old habit of throwing all kind of garbage into one bin to new scheme of solid waste management in which garbage is segregated at household level itself in two different bins meant for biodegradable and recyclable waste. This will help in managing the solid waste of the city and will help in improving the environment of the city for which MCD is committed.

Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Vijender Gupta who took initiative to start with the scheme from this area on the occasion said that by implementation of this scheme, the societies will be able to manage their

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solid waste (garbage) at their end, which will certainly help in improving the environment. Mr. Vijender informed that to start with MCD has identified some sites where pits have been developed for dumping the biodegradable waste collected from the societies, segregated by them at their end to convert it into compost. After the compost is ready, that will be given back to the societies for maintaining the green areas of their societies from where the garbage had been lifted. Mr. Gupta also informed that some societies have come forward with an idea that the pits can be developed in their societies so that they may not have to transport the garbage to other destination, so the garbage management will be at the local level and transportation is done away with.

Mr. Vijender Gupta on the occasion also announced that MCD will make arrangements for rain water harvesting in all of its parks before the monsoon season. He added that we must understand the need of the hour to improve the environment by managing environment issues seriously and try to help in balancing the ecological balance of the city.

Mr. Ravi Dass, Engineer-in-Chief, MCD briefed the gathering about the concepts of segregation of garbage at local level and effects of the present system on the environment as well ozone layer.

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Monday, June 11, 2007

**MAYOR INAUGURATED HOT WEATHER
CRICKET TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED BY DDCA**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today inaugurated Hot Weather Cricket Tournament - 2007 being organized by Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) at Ferozshah Kotla Ground today. The inaugural match was played between Lal Bahadur Shastri Coaching Centre and youngsters. Mr. C. K. Khanna, Vice President and Mr. Sunil Dev, Sports Secretary of DDCA welcomed the Mayor and presented memento. Befor toss, both the teams were introduced to the Mayor of Delhi.

Dr. S. S. Sareen, Joint Secretary, S/Sh. Ramesh Sachdev, Surya Prakash Sharma, Ashok Katiyal, Pradeep Aggarwal, Ajit Singh Madhok, Vijay Bahadur Mishra, Ashok Sharma and Anil Chaudhary all members of Sports Working Committee of DDCA were present on this occasion.

Mr. Suresh Luthra, former first class cricketer, Ms. Ragini Malhotra, Women Cricket Team Coah, Ms. Priyanka Sisodia, Physio and Trainer were also present.

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Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra today informed that MCD has allowed renewal of Municipal Factory Licenses for more than one year. She said that in case of industries and factories falling under "**Green Category**" as per parameters of Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), the term of renewal for three years at a time.

Ms. Mehra further informed that in case of industries and factories falling under "**Orange Category**" as per parameters of DPCC, the Municipal Factory Licenses shall be renewed only upto 31st March immediately preceeding to the date of expiry of the consent of DPCC. For example, if a license is to be renewed by the MCD for a period of three years i.e. from April, 2007 to March, 2010 and the DPCC has granted the consent upto August, 2009, then the Municipal Factory License will be renewed upto March, 2009.

Mayor clarified that those license holders who wish to get their licenses renewed for one year only, they will not be insisted upon for renewal for more than one year.

With the first case of Chickungunya coming into light in Delhi, Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra today convened an emergency meeting of senior health officials in her chamber at Town Hall, wherein Additional Commissioner (Health), Municipal Health Officer and Deputy Health Officers of zones were present. She reviewed the situation to assess preventive measures. She also took stock of the status of dengue and malaria alongwith chickungunya.

Mayor stressed that since, chickungunya is caused by aedes mosquito, and the symptoms of chickungunya are similar to that of dengue and need the same kind of treatment and approach. She directed the health officials to be more vigilant and launch intensified awareness programmes in remaining period of June. She stressed that Deputy Health Officers (DHOs) of the Zones should also undertake field visits on regular basis and inspect at least 10 houses everyday. The domestic breeder checkers should be directed to further intensify their house visits.

Ms. Arti Mehra directed that on first and third Saturday, DHOs should involve community participation through Councillors representing wards bearing odd numbers. On second and fourth Saturday, the emphasis should be on Councillors representing wards bearing even numbers. The community participation should basically involve RWAs, NGOs and other interest groups. The target should be creation of awareness with regard prevention and control of chickungunya, malaria and dengue. The people should be told not to let water accumulate in their flower pots, coolers or air conditioner chambers as these spots are prone to breeding of aedes mosquitoes.

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Friday, June 15, 2007

**G.T.K. ROAD FROM CC COLONY TO GURMANDI RAJPURA
NAMED AFTER MAHARAJA AGRASEN**

Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra today named the G.T.K. road from CC Colony to Gurmandi Rajpura named after Maharaja Agrasen in a simple function organized at the site. On the occasion, area MLA, Kunwar Karan Singh, President, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Delhi State, Mr. Om Prakash Singhal and famous social worker, Mr. Sudhanshu Mittal were also present. The function was presided over by Vice Chairman of Appointments, Promotions and Disciplinary Action Committee, Mr. Raj Khurana.

Mayor, Ms. Mehra on the occasion said that the roads, streets and major institutions are named after the great personalities who rendered their services and life for the cause of society so that the coming generations could follow their doings in their lives.

Mr. Raj Khurana who presided over the function gave details of the development works to be carried out in his constituency.

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Monday, June 18, 2007

Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra and Leader of the House, Mr. Subhash Arya today jointly addressed the media persons on desilting of nallahs and waterlogging in different parts of the city. They pointed out that the MCD is being made scapegoat for the non-performance or under-performance of the other departments. Major points where water logging took place were under the jurisdiction of PWD, DMRC, Delhi Jal Board, DDA, Power companies, Railways etc. It was their duty to remove the cause of waterlogging at concerned spots. The Delhi Government has miserably failed to cleanse-up the nallahs belonging to the Flood & Irrigation Department. It has lead to backflow of nallahs. They criticized the Chief Minister and the Urban Development Minister for passing the buck to MCD.

Mayor pointed out that no waterlogging was reported on a number of chronic spots, where earlier waterlogging used to take place. She said that all these spots fall during the jurisdiction of MCD. No waterlogging was reported on 16th, 17th and 18th June at Tilak Bridge Rail Under Bridge (RUB), Minto Bridge, Zakhira Zero Point, Shakti Nagar RUB, Ashok Vihar Under Bridge, RUB Madhuban and Bihari Colony RUB.

Mayor stressed that

Ms. Mehra pointed out that the portion of Ring Road encompassing Model Town near Chattrasal Stadium to Adarsh Nagar Police Station was handed over to DMRC by PWD. No proper solution could be arrived at leading to huge waterlogging. The portion from Azadpur upto Mukarba Chowk has been handed over to DMRC by PWD. It appear that the drain was not cleaned. DMRC has not provided saucer on the road near Ritz cinema near Kashmere Gate. However, MCD has put some man and machinery to clear waterlogging. The saucer portion of Ring Road between Dhaula Kuan and Moti Bagh belonging to PWD faced waterlogging due to non-function onf drainage system. Irrigation & Flood Control Department has to take-up provosion of drainage system in Karawal Nagar, which faced acute waterlogging. DSIDC has not provided any drainage system for treating Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) at Mayapuri Industrial Area leading to waterlogging in Rajouri Apartments and adjoining areas.

Delhi Jal Board has been time and again requested to take care of trunk sewer at RUB Badarpur. But nothing has been done leading to acute water stagnation. Though MCD has provided an amount of Rs.24 lakhs for construction of a culvert to Railway Authorities to take care of waterlogging problem in Wazirpur Industrial Area. Nothing has been done for the last three years.

Jahangirpuri drain has not been properly cleaned by Irrigation and Flood Control Department. The Transport Department of GNCTD has to take care of waterlogging problem on Mathura Road on some stretches of Madhuban Road.

Ms. Arti Mehra pointed out that the Storm Water Drainage System of the city is designed to take the average rain flow, which on account of connection of sewerage in the storm water drainage system, these drains use to run upto half of their capacity. During the Monsoon and rains, the position gets worst as the capacity of the drainage system is already occupied by the sewerage effluent and no additional storm water can take place and in some of the areas, the waterlogging takes place.

Leader of the House, Mr. Subhash Arya informed that the MCD will purchase six super-suckers within the next three months so that in the coming period the work of desilting is initiated with effective machines in time. MCD will also purchase adequate numbers of JCBs, earthmovers and trucks. It will replace Jhotabuggis (झोटा बुग्गीयां) with small tempos. Each ward will have atleast one tempo.

Mr. Arya informed that out 1265 nallahs, MCD has completed desilting work and 137 major nallahs. The work in progress at 613 nallahs. The remaining nallahs are comparatively smaller in size. MCD would be taking-up 50-60 nallahs per day in the coming period. It hopes to complete the set target before the onset of Monsoon.
