

**MAYOR CALLED UPON FIELD EMPLOYEES OF MCD TO  
EVOLVE DEDICATED WORK CULTURE**

**MAYOR APPEALED MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR MUNICIPAL  
OFFICERS TO ARRANGE PROPER SURVEILLANCE OVER THE WORK OF  
SANITATION AND DESILTING OF NALLAHAS WITH  
MUTUAL CO-ORDINATION.**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today inspected various areas of Shahdara (South) Zone to take stock of the works relating to sanitation and desilting of nallahas. She was accompanied by Mr. Savinder Jeet Singh Bajwa, Deputy Mayor of Delhi, Dr. Kanwar Sain, Chairman Shahdara (South) Zone Ward Committee and a number of Municipal Councillors. Mr. Ravi Das, Engineer-in-Chief of MCD, Mr. Prashant Panda, Deputy Commissioner Shahdara (South) Zone and Heads of various Departments of MCD also accompanied the Mayor.

The Mayor directed that all the works relating to desilting of nallahas shall be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> June positively. It should be ensured that silt taken out of nallahas shall be disposed of within one day so that citizens should not face any inconvenience and outbreak of dangerous diseases could be avoided. The concerned officers apprised the Mayor about shortage of vehicles for transportation of garbage. Mayor directed Deputy Commissioner of the Zone to hire 12 private vehicles immediately and deploy these for transportation of garbage. The Mayor appealed to Municipal Councillors that they should regularly inspect the works relating to sanitation and desilting of nallahas in co-ordination with senior municipal officers. The Mayor also directed the field staff of MCD to evolve dedicated works culture.

Ms. Mehra assured that she will provide Rs.1 lack for each municipal Ward for removal and disposal of malba completely. She directed concerned officers of Shahdara South Zone to remove malba from all the 30 Wards in the Zone within a week positively.

Mr. Bajwa, Deputy Mayor assured the Mayor that he alongwith Chairman of the Ward Committee, area Municipal Councillor and Deputy

Commissioner of the Zone will regularly inspect each Ward daily to take stock of works relating to sanitation and desilting of nallahas.

Ms. Mehra later inspected Vishwas Nagar, Shastri Gali, Tikona Park, Jwala Nagar and Surajmal Vihar. Expressing her dissatisfaction over the insanitary conditions at Kasturba Drain, she directed to completely desilt and cleanse this drain within a fortnight.

Later, the Mayor visited Patel Nagar, Prem Nagar, Nehru Nagar to take stock of the works relating to sanitation and desilting of nallahas of Karol Bagh Zone. Here she was accompanied by Smt. Purnima Vidhyarthi, Chairman, Ward Committee, Karol Bagh Zone, Dr. Bheem Singh, Deputy Chairman, Mr. Yogender Chandolia, Municipal Councillor. She directed officers that if the contractor failed to dispose of silt taken out of nallahas within two days then fine of Rs.10,000 for every site be imposed on him. She also directed that the work of desilting of nallahas upto 4" width and depth shall be completed by 10<sup>th</sup> June.

The Mayor directed Deputy Health Officer to extensively create public awareness amongst citizens to take preventive measures for combating dangerous diseases like Dengue, Cholera, Malaria, Gastroenteritis etc. through medium of publicity material published by the Health Department . If need be chlorine tablets and other essential material shall be distributed amongst citizens.

The Mayor directed the senior officers of both the above Zones to fix an hour once a week for hearing the public grievance so that citizens of the area can submit their complaints for redressal.

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**SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION CALLS ON MAYOR**

A South African six member delegation from Ekurhuleni Metroplitan Municipality led by the Executive Mayor Clr Duma Nkosi called on Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra. The delegation comprised members from Environment Management, Housing, Infrastructure, Operations and City Development Departments. The delegation discussed the issues pertaining to provision of civic services, specially sanitation, disposal of garbage, sources of income and management of slum bastis with special thrust on providing basic services in the slum clusters in detail with Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Mr. Sawinderjit Singh Bajwa, Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Vijender Gupta, Deputy Leader of the House, Mr. Ved Prakash Gupta, Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Jai Kishan Sharma and Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Ashok Nigam.

The delegation informed that the main sources of income for Ekurhuleni Metroplitan Municipality are property tax, electricity and water supply. The delegation was eager to know the management of slum clusters and the mechanism to check the people coming from other parts of the country for their livelihood and settling down in slums. Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Ashok Nigam then briefed them about the National Capital Region Development Board's objectives to develop satellite towns around Delhi with same infrastructure and opportunities for livelihood, thereby attraction towards city is reduced.

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**DELHI BE MADE ZERO GARBAGE CITY UPTO 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**WORK OF DESILTING OF NALLAHAS  
SHALL BE COMPLETED UPTO 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

— MAYOR

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Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today inspected Kamla Nagar, Clock Tower, Rana Pratap Bagh, Jahangirpuri, Bhalaswa and Jagatpur areas situated at Civil Lines Zone to take stock of sanitation and work of desilting of nallahs. Before inspection, she held a meeting in the office of Mr. Ramesh Chauhan, Chairman, Ward Committee, Civil Lines Zone in which all Municipal Councillors of the zone and senior officers of MCD were present. She opined in the meeting that co-ordination between elected representatives and senior officers is sine-qua-non of better civic works. She fixed target for making Delhi clean city. She said that Delhi shall be made zero garbage city by 22<sup>nd</sup> May and work of desilting of nallahs shall be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> June. She directed that if contractors do not deposit tenders upto 12<sup>th</sup> May then the work of desilting of nallahs shall be handed over to NGOs so as to complete it within prescribed time period. Any lapse in this regard will be reviewed seriously.

The Mayor directed that the garbage in the dalaos opposite Traffic Training Park, Roshanara Road shall be cleaned by today evening positively. She also directed that the silt removed from nallahs in Rana Pratap Bagh near sewage pumping station should be removed from the site immediately.

The Mayor also directed Deputy Commissioner of the zone, Smt. Kiran Dabral to get removed encroachments from the road from one end to another in front of park at Jahangirpuri. She also directed to take action against tyre dumping in open plots to prevent any outbreak of disease from Jagatpur area.

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Saturday, May 12, 2007

**MCD WILL SET-UP MEMORIALS IN THE MEMORY OF  
NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDER BOSE, FOUNDER OF AZAD HIND FAUJ  
& RANI LAXMI BAI**

— MAYOR

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Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today accorded reception to participants of Bhartiya Swatantra Sangram Smriti Yatra. This yatra was organized by All India Ex. Servicemen Council to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian Independence Struggle. It was started on 7<sup>th</sup> April from Moirang (Manipur) and reached Delhi today after passing through Meerut. The yatra was started from Moirang since Azad Hind Fauj under the leadership of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose defeated British army and furled Indian flag on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1857. Mr. Subhash Arya, Leader of the House, Mr. Vijender Gupta, Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Krishan Murari Jatav, Municipal Councillor from opposition and other Municipal Councillors were present on this occasion.

The Mayor announced on this occasion that MCD will set-up memorials in the memory of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose, Founder of Azad Hind Fauj and Rani Laxmi Bai within two years. She said that all the episodes, whether small or big of India's independence struggle and lives and teachings of martyrs should be brought in the literature so that citizens could take lessons from them. She directed that in all the municipal primary schools, the portraits of martyrs of India's freedom struggle alongwith their brief life sketch shall be displayed so that children from the very childhood get

sense of patriotism. She appealed citizens to jointly fight against terrorism and corruption for all-round development of India.

Mr. Subhash Arya, speaking on this occasion said that on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1857, Nejadi Subhash Chander Bose came from Burma and defeated British army at Moirang from where this yatra was started. He lauded the efforts of Council for organizing this yatra so as to propagate message of freedom amongst masses. He said that he is proud to welcome the delegates of this yatra.

Mr. Vijender Gupta, speaking on this occasion said that Britishers ruled India for 200 years. The mutiny of 1857 was not a small episode. This mutiny has compelled Britishers to be on defenive. He said that the fruits of independence have not reached to common man even after a lapse of 60 years. Though patriotism is in the heart of the people living in India, but self-interest shall be avoided and national interest shall be kept on top.

Giving brief experience of this yatra, Dr. Om Prakash said that the yatra started from Moirang and covered nearly 8500 miles and passed through various villages and towns including Meerut. During yatra lakhs of people came in contact with them and the message of patriotism was propogated in their hearts, especially in the youths. As such, this yatra proved to be a huge success.

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**Sunday, May 13, 2007**

A delegation of elected representatives of Municipal Corporation of Delhi today met Mr. Jaipal Reddy, Union Urban Development Minister and handed over a memorandum revealing solution of problems of citizens of Delhi relating to sealing and demolition. The members of delegation include, Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi, Mr. Savinder Jeet Singh Bajwa, Deputy Mayor, Mr. Subhash Arya, Leader of House, Mr. Vijender Gupta, Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Ved Gupta, Deputy Leader of House, Mr. Yogender Chandolia, Dy. Chairman of Standing Committee and other Municipal Councillors.

In the memorandum handed over to the Union Minister, they jointly said that after reviewing the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of IA No.22 in WP[C] No(s).4677/1985, MC Mehta vs. UOI and others given on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2007, it appears that the Hon'ble Solicitor General of India could not effectively plead the case and place the complete and rational facts based on affidavit of Union Urban Development Ministry, Master Plan - 2021 and other supporting documents. As such, actual facts could not be presented before the apex court. It is, therefore, imperative that the true facts and actual situation shall now be submitted before the Hon'ble Supreme Court for review.

In its order, the Hon'ble Court has observed that it has been brought to its notice that during the pendency of this matter, MCD is permitting additional floor and henceforth, this permission will not be given. It appears that this confusion has been created by not placing the actual facts before the Hon'ble Court and it has been observed that MCD is exercising this discretion on its own. The factual position is that MCD is giving permission for additional construction as per Delhi Master Plan - 2021. Therefore, Union Urban Development Ministry shall file review petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court explaining detailed facts, so that true facts could be brought to its notice.

The matter regarding notification of roads has also not been placed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a rightful manner, as a result of which, the Court was compelled to observe that no notification shall be issued without proper survey. The factual position is that the MCD has directed all

the Zonal Deputy Commissioners to carry out surveys. The teams of senior officers of Town Planning and Engineering Department carried out physical verification of each and every shop on roads during survey. The MCD has full record of these surveys. In this way, the actual facts are not brought to the notice of Hon'ble Court, which has created a situation of confusion. It is, therefore, imperative that Solicitor General shall apprise the Court that MCD after carrying out detailed surveys has carried out the process of notification. It is also necessary that Government should apprise the Hon'ble Court about relevant details in these matters from time to time.

Besides, the above two matters, the Solicitor General and Union Urban Development Ministry shall jointly present the matter of those houses and shops which are not covered under Master Plan - 2021 and the matter of saving such properties shall also be advocated before the court vigorously. MCD is of the view that One Time Amnesty Scheme of Vijay Kumar Malhotra Committee, which was approved by MCD or such other scheme on these lines shall be implemented. The Standing Committee of MCD in its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 passed a Comprehensive Amnesty Scheme copy of which is enclosed for your consideration. A special Act shall be enacted in the ongoing session of Lok Sabha in this regard. If this comprehensive Amnesty Scheme is approved by the Lok Sabha, then a legal and acceptable scheme could be presented before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. It will definitely provide relief to lakhs of citizens.

Besides, another serious matter relating to demolition is that the protection granted to unauthorized constructions under Section 3 of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act, 2006 (22 of 2006) is going to expire on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 since, this Act was enforceable from 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 for a period of one year. If effective legal steps are not initiated before the time of expiry, then citizens of Delhi will have to face devastating situation. It is, therefore, imperative for the interest of citizens of Delhi that a writ petition be filed for extending the time limit of above Act before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. During this period, vigorous efforts shall be made to regularize unauthorized constructions.

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MAYOR VISITS TIGRI DRAIN

ASSISTANT ENGINEER AND JUNIOR ENGINEER SUSPENDED

Rs. 50,000 EX-GRATIA FOR BEREAVED FAMILY

Mayor Ms. Arti Mehra today morning visited Tigri drain where a five year old child named Bimla slipped into the drain yesterday night near her house at Deoli Extension while walking alongwith her mother and other siblings. Her slipping into the drain resulted in her death. Following the instruction of the Mayor, one Assistant Engineer and one Junior Engineer have been placed under suspension with immediate effect for dereliction of their duties.

Ms. Arti Mehra visited the bereaved family for consolation and also announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs.50,000 as compensation amount to the bereaved family from Mayor's Fund. She instructed the concerned Department to immediately release the compensation amount.

Mayor called a meeting of senior officers where Leader of the House, Mr. Subhash Arya and Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Vijender Gupta were also present. She instructed that the desilting of Tigri drain must be taken of priority and it must be ensured that the drains all over Delhi are desilted in a time bound manner.

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**Friday, May 18, 2007**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi, in a letter written to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi has lodged strong protest against the authoritarian attitude of the Chief Minister towards the first citizen of Delhi. In her letter, she said, that the Chief Minister of Delhi has gone to attend C40 Large Cities Climate Summit being held at New York designed exclusively for Mayors. Apart from the Chief Minister all other delegates are either Mayors or Governors representing their cities.

The Mayor described it against the established norms and protocol that the Chief Minister should attend a summit usurping the right of the Mayor of Delhi, who as per protocol happens to be the first citizen of Delhi and has preferential right over any other authority to represent the city. It is deplorable that the Chief Minister did not think it proper to consult the Mayor of Delhi on the issue and instead chose to attend the Summit by herself.

The Mayor further appealed to the Lt. Governor that such incidents shall not be repeated in future and the dignity of the post of Mayor is maintained and his or her rights shall be honoured by the responsible persons in authority in Delhi Government.

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**Wednesday, May 23, 2007**

**MAYOR OF DELHI, MS. ARTI MEHRA MET**

**UNION RAILWAY MINISTER, MR. LALOO PRASAD YADAV**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today met Mr. Laloo Prasad Yadav, Union Minister of Railways and apprised him of delay in various projects relating to MCD and being implemented by railways. The Mayor handed over a memorandum to the minister in which she has appealed to provide revenue, resources and safai karamcharies to MCD.

Mr. Laloo Yadav assured the Mayor that Ministry of Railways will provide all necessary help to implement various projects. Mr. Yadav also directed Mr. S. K. Vij, Member (Engineering) of Railways to hold a meeting with senior officers of MCD and prepare an action plan to implement the projects in a phased manner. He also assured that the expenditure on projects relating to MCD and being implemented by railways will be shared fifty-fifty.

The Mayor stressed that all the culverts under railway in Delhi shall be desilted, so that the rainy water will smoothly flow from nallahs under charge of MCD. It will save citizens of Delhi from the problem of water logging.

The Mayor emphasized that the vacant land on both sides railway line shall be cleaned, so that outbreak of dangerous diseases could be avoided. She stressed the need of a sanitation drive, which should be carried out jointly by MCD and Railways so as to enable to clean the vacant land alongwith railway tracks well before Monsoon.

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**Monday, May 28, 2007**

Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi today paid floral tributes to the renowned patriot, statesman and freedom fighter Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar Ji on the occasion of his 124<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. MCD organized a simple function at Lajpat Nagar where statue of Mr. Savarkar is installed. Mr. Gyanesh Bharti, Deputy Commissioner of Central Zone, Smt. Kiran Dabral, Director (Community Services) and other senior officers were also present.

Veer Savarkar was one of those freedom fighters who had many firsts to his credit. He was the first Indian student who was rusticated from college owing to his patriotism. He was the first person who burnt foreign clothes and material. He was the first person who was awarded two life imprisonments. He was the first writer whose book was seized before publication. He was the first historian who declared mutiny of 1857 as first battle of India's freedom.

Mr. Savarkar always wanted India to be a mighty nation after attaining independence. He was supporter of one nation, one language, unity and integrity of the nation. He was deadly against imitating western culture.

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