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**MS. ARTI MEHRA, MAYOR OF DELHI WILL AWARD 100 MCD TEACHERS
ON TEACHERS' DAY**

Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Aati Mehra will award 100 municipal teachers for their meritorious service in the field of education at a function to be organised at Shah Auditorium, Raj Niwas Marg on 5th September, 2007 to mark the Teachers' Day. Deputy Mayor, Sh. S.S. Bajwa; Chairman, Standing Committee, Mr. Vijender Gupta; Leader of the House, Mr. Subhash Arya; Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Jai Kishan Sharma will be the special guests. Mr. Prithvi Raj Sawhney, Chariman of the Education Committee will preside over the function. Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Ashok Kumar Nigam will also grace the occasion.

Municipal Teachers will present colourful cultural programmes on this occasion.

Mr. Prithvi Raj Sawhney, Chairman, Education Committee informed that 100 teachers are chosen for Municipal Awards from the total strength of about 18000 teachers at various stages. For each stage, a Committee was constituted. Going through these stages, the best 100 teachers are selected for the awards out of which 20 are Headmasters, 72 General, 5 Nursery, 1 Physical, 1 Music and 1 Arts Teacher. For selection, teaching skills, results, achievements of their students like scholarship results, competitions, achievements of the teacher himself, community participation and the personality of the teacher are also considered. This year, out of total of 100 award recipient teachers, 66 are female. Municipal Teacher Award winners are honoured with a cash prize of Rs.5000/- a commendation certificate and a memento.

Mr. Sawhney further informed that MCD is imparting primary education to 9.55 lacs students between the age of 5-11 years through chain of its 1799 municipal primary schools, 45 aided schools and 725 recognized schools with the help of more than 18000 teachers. He also informed that to create interest and awareness for studies, all the students are provided free c freshly cooked meal through semi-automated kitchens, free textbooks, uniforms and jerseys. The English is also being taught as a subject from Ist to Vth class in municipal primary schools. He said the municipal teachers are trained in its In-service Teachers Training Institute for latest teaching techniques. Recently, learning through computers has also been started which is being extended to all municipal primary schools in a phased manner.

MAYOR RELEASES GRANT OF Rs.2.4 CRORES TO FIVE GOSADANS

Municipal Corporation of Delhi releases grant to five gosadans being run by Non-Governmental Organizations in which stray cows caught during raids conducted by MCD are kept. But due to some petty objections grants could not be released last year to these NGOs resulting in hardships to these NGOs for maintaining their routine chores and daily feeding of the cows kept in there.

The issue was brought to the knowlegde of Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra who in response visited the gosadans with concerned HODs to inspect the working of the NGOs and keeping of the cows in the gosadans. She immediately called the meeting of the concerned officials and got the objections removed. The cheques of amount of grant were released immediately to the following NGOs :-

S.No.	Date	Name of Gosadans	Amount (in Rupees)
1	10.09.2007	Acharya Sushil Gosadan	52,27,200.00
2	10.09.2007	Dabur Hare Krishna Goshala	55,58,400.00
3	10.09.2007	Bharti Govansh	52,74,000.00
4	10.09.2007	Manav Gosadan	27,43,200.00
5	10.09.2007	Surbhi Sood Sansthan	51,87,600.00
TOTAL :			2,39,90,400.00

The representatives of gosadans thanked the Mayor.

**MAYOR, MS. ARTI MEHRA'S SURPRISE VISIT TO SLAUGHTER
HOUSE AT IDGAH ROAD**

Following the surprise inspection today of Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra of the Slaughter House at Idgah, Show-cause notice has been issued to Doctor-in-Charge of slaughter house, Dr. O.P. Rana. Mayor found that there was total mismanagement at the slaughter house. On her recommended, explanation call has been issued to Veterinary Doctors for remaining absent from their duty. Three Sanitary Inspectors have been placed under suspension for gross dereliction of their duty with regard to sanitation.

Mayor was accompanied by Leader of the House, Mr. Subhash Arya, Chairman, Sadar Paharganj Zone Wards Committee, Mr. Imran, Additional Commissioner (Health), Mr. K. D. Akolia, Deputy Commissioner of Sadar Paharganj Zone, Mr. Z. U. Siddiqui, Director, Veterinary Services, Mr. R.B.S. Tyagi and Sub-Divisional Magistrate of the area.

Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra on her visit found that livestock were being sold in the open in the slaughterhouse premises. In *jhatka* section, animals were being slaughtered in open in defiance of rules. She found poor management of livestock or slaughtered animals there. She directed the Deputy Commissioner of the area to immediately improve the slaughtering space by covering and providing proper drainage system so that animals are not slaughtered in the open which invite a large number of birds. The staff of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) seized the records including coupons and registers of livestock entries on the directions of the Mayor to check the number of illegal slaughtering.

The Mayor on finding selling of meat in the *halal* section directed that action be taken against the doctor incharge of the section. She also directed to transfer the staff, which has staying over five years in the slaughter house.

The Mayor decided to pay a surprise visit to the slaughter house on receiving numerous complaints from nearby residents and traders affected by mismanagement of the slaughter house.

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SPEECH BY MAYOR MS. MEHRA AT THE HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE HELD AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2007

Respected Chairperson,

Distinguished guests, sisters and brothers :

We are in the midst of a massive, transformation, a comprehensive reframing, in how the global community engages with the future of the world.

Indeed, much has changed globally since we held the 8th meeting of the Conference of Parties in Delhi in 2002. Evidence of significant impacts surround us-including in my own city of Delhi, where unusual weather patterns are creating challenges for future planning. It is abundantly clear to us that adaptation to changing climate will involve major commitment of resources to address reduced water supply, increased morbidity and mortality from extreme summer temperatures and the spread of vector borne disease, increased demand for power, and several others.

We have taken several steps to promote energy efficiency, sustainable transport, and renewable energy in Delhi, with concomitant benefits for reduction of air pollution, electricity demand, water availability, and employment. For example, we have the world's largest bus fleet run on clean fuel and rapidly expanding the metro network, use of renewable energy for large buildings and township, and in particular, for the new facilities to be created for the 2010 Commonwealth Games. I would like to remind delegates that this link to the broad aims of sustainable development was a key focus in our Delhi meeting in 2002.

And- as I have the honour of speaking for local authorities world-wide-this is an issue that we can honestly say we have addressed at many global meetings around the world - from the conference of Parties, the Commission of Sustainable Development, the Sundance Summit and so on. And addressed with the knowledge that our sector has taken consistent and large-scale action to both reduce existing and future emissions, while addressing present and immediate concerns of urban management.

So, my first message to you today is that Local Authorities are an important beacon of hope to the global community that action can be positive and empowering.

My second message is that we can provide some important learning from our experiences that we can share with you.

Through ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection campaign globally many local authorities have developed and implemented a raft of programmes to address energy efficiency, sustainable transport, waste management, and environmental protection generally, in over a decade of action "on the ground". These too, have led to visible improvement in citizen's lives, while having positive impacts on emissions.

So, please do not just applaud the stories that Local Authorities have to offer on the global stage : listen to how we have gone about this and benefit from this experience.

My third message is simple. While the important and necessary conversations, negotiations and debates continue within and between the nations, we urge you to directly invest in Local Authorities right now so that we can all benefit from reductions of present and future emissions and better management of the local environment.

Local Authorities engagement with climate change provides hope for the future learning, for our current global debate, and practical means to take action now.

I would like conclude with a citation from the HOLY VEDAS

"SARVA ASHA MITHRAM BHAVANTU"

Meaning : Live as if you are one with the trees, the rivers, the mountains and the whole Universe will embrace you like a friend

INDEED THE FUTURE IN OUR HANDS

Thank You

Arti Mehra

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Saturday, September 29,

Mayor's Press Conference

THREE-DAY GANDHI JAYANTI MELA FROM TOMORROW
WITH NEW FEATURES AT PRAGATI MAIDAN

Mayor of Delhi, Ms. Arti Mehra today informed that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is organizing three-day long Gandhi Jayanti Mela at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from 30th September to 2nd October, 2007 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. It is perhaps one of the largest programmes in India organized on such a massive scale. Being a local civic organization, it is MCD's proud privilege to organize this fair to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi.

The main objective of the Mela, said Mayor, is to take the message of the Father of the Nation to the masses and show its relevance and importance in the present scenario. She added that the mode and format of the Mela not only aims at popularizing Gandhian values, but also to serve as window to the progress and achievements of MCD as well as other government organizations. The entry to the Mela is free of charge. The Mela is very popular among the citizens of Delhi and attracts lakhs of citizens each year owing to attractive variety and information input of pavillions and cultural programmes. It is being organized this year with many new features and attractions.

Mayor thanks the Minister of Commerce and Industry Mr. Kamal Nath who ensured that Gandhi Jayanti Mela is provided to MCD free of charge for three days. She informed that Mela will be inaugurated by Dy. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Mr. Vijay Kumar Malhotra on 30th September at 11.00 A.M. Ms. Arti Mehra will inaugurate Akhand Charkha Yagya on the same day at 2.00 P.M. The Chief Minister Mrs. Sheela Dikshit will be the Chief Guest on 1st October and will light the lamp at 11.00 A.M. Former Health Minister and M.L.A. Dr. Harshvardhan will be the Special Guest of Honour. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Mr. Lal Krishan Adwani will be the Chief Guest on the concluding day on 2nd October at 5.00 P.M. Mr. Kamal Nath, Commerce and Industry Minister will be the Special Guest of Honour. Deputy Mayor Mr. Satvinder Singh Bajwa, Leader of the House and Chairman

Gandhi Mela Committee, Mr. Subhash Arya, Mr. Vijendera Gupta, Chairman Standing Committee and Mr. Jai Kishan Sharma, Leader of Opposition will be the Guests of Honour on all the three days. The functions will be presided over by Mayor Ms. Arti Mehra.

Main Features :-

Akhand Charkha Yajna

Ms. Arti Mehra informed that one of the salient features of Gandhi Jayanti Mela is "*Akhand Charkha Yajna*" which continues uninterruptedly round-the-clock for the three days of the Mela. The children from Gandhian organizations participate in the Yajna and spin khadi day and night under the supervision of senior Gandhians.

Showcasting by Different Departments

Mayor further informed that about 45 non-governmental Gandhian organizations and 15 organizations belonging to Government of India and Delhi Government including various departments of the MCD viz. Primary Education, Health, Horticulture, Engineering, Community Services and various departments under Delhi Government viz. Delhi Jal Board, Delhi Fire Service, Industries, Punjabi Academy, Hindi Academy, Sanskrit Academy, Information and Publicity Directorate, Delhi State Aids Control Society, Songs and Drama Division etc. will put-up their pavillions at the Mela depicting detailed account of their services to citizens.

Cultural Programmes

- Colourful, cultural and folk dance programmes by students and teachers of MCD Primary Schools.
- Kavi Sammelan, Puppet and Magic Shows etc. by expert groups will be organized during all the three days of the Mela.
- Screening of films on patriotic themes.
- For recreation of visitors, stalls of tasty food articles, snacks etc. and other entertainment programmes.

- Programmes by artists of Lalit Kala Academy, Punjabi Academy, Hindi Academy and other renowned Gandhian and Literary Groups.

General

Arrangement is made for bringing more than 15,000 children from MCD, MCD-aided and Delhi Government and Government-aided schools to expose them to Gandhian philosophy.
