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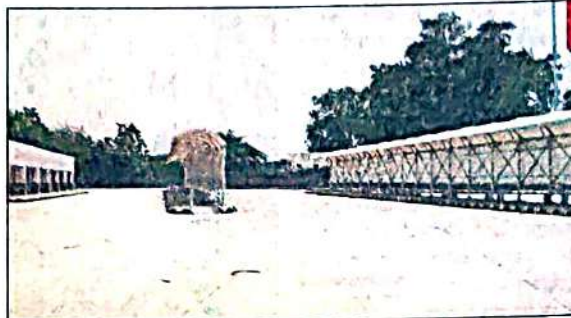
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जल्द होगा चालू, बाजार में लगने वाले ट्रैफिक जाम से भी लोगों को मिलेगी निजात नरेला में नया बस टर्मिनल बनकर तैयार, एक दशक से लोगों को था इसका इंतज़ार

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नरेला को बहुत ही जल्द एक नया और अत्याधुनिक बस टर्मिनल मिलने जा रहा है, जिसका इंतज़ार करीब एक दशक से भी अधिक समय से नरेला के लोग कर रहे हैं। मौजूदा पुराने बस टर्मिनल में बाजार नरेला के जब पुनर्निर्माण पर सहमति नहीं बन सकी, तो इसका विकल्प ढूँढ़ने की तैयारी शुरू हो गई थी।

इसी दौरान डीडीए ने कई साल पहले नरेला सेक्टर ए-9 में डीटीसी को एक नया बस टर्मिनल बनाए जाने के लिए जगह आवंटित की थी, जिसे डीडीए ने सिर्फ स्कैप डिपो के रूप में ही इस्तेमाल किया। लेकिन, अब वहां विभाग ने एक नया बस टर्मिनल बना दिया है, जो कि जल्द ही चालू हो सकता है। डीटीसी के अधिकारियों



ने बताया कि नरेला के सत्यवादी राजा हरिश्चंद्र अस्पताल रोड पर सेक्टर ए-9 में बनकर तैयार होने वाला नया बस टर्मिनल अपने आप में बेहद खास होगा। इसमें एक साथ करीब 18 बसों के खड़े होने की क्षमता होगी। यात्रियों के बैठने के लिए नए डिजाइन के बस क्यू शेल्टर होंगे। सैकड़ों लोगों के

बैठने की सुविधा होगी, इसके अलावा टर्मिनल के अंदर बिजली और पानी की व्यवस्था होगी। इलेक्ट्रिक बसों के लिए चार्जिंग पॉइंट की भी व्यवस्था की गई है। नए बस टर्मिनल से बाजार में लगने वाले ट्रैफिक जाम से भी निजात मिलेगी।

डीटीसी के अधिकारियों ने बताया

टर्मिनल की खासियतें

- 18 बसें एक साथ खड़ी हो सकेंगी
- यात्रियों के बैठने के लिए नए डिजाइन के बस क्यू शेल्टर होंगे
- टर्मिनल के अंदर बिजली और पानी की सुविधा होगी
- इलेक्ट्रिक बसों के लिए चार्जिंग पॉइंट्स भी यहां होंगे

कि डीडीए से मिली एक अन्य जगह सिंघोला गांव के पास भी एक बस टर्मिनल बनाया जा रहा है, जिसे क्लस्टर स्कीम के तहत ऑपरेट किया जाएगा। अधिकारियों ने बताया कि जल्द ही मंत्रिमंडल और विभाग से समय मिलने के बाद उद्घाटन किया जाएगा।

हिन्दुस्तान

नई दिल्ली
शनिवार
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समालखा में अवैध फार्म हाउस ढहाए गए

हि असर

नई दिल्ली, प्रमुख संवाददाता। रजोकरी और समालखा इलाके में नाले पर हुए अतिक्रमण को लेकर 'हिन्दुस्तान' की ओर से मुद्दा उठाने के बाद इस पर कार्रवाई शुरू हो गई है। बुधवार को समालखा इलाके में चार फार्म हाउस पर बुलडोजर चलाकर इनके कब्जे से डीडीए ने ग्रामसभा की तीन बीघा जमीन वापस हासिल की।

इस जमीन को अतिक्रमण मुक्त कराने से यहां लगभग 10 बीघा जमीन उपलब्ध हो गई है जिस पर डीडीए की ओर से गांववासियों के लिए पार्क बनाने की योजना है। इसके साथ ही यहां नाले को भी दोबारा बहाल किया जाएगा।



चार अप्रैल के अंक में हिन्दुस्तान में प्रकाशित खबर।

दरअसल, रजोकरी से लेकर समालखा गांव होते हुए नजफगढ़ में जाने वाले नाले पर जगह-जगह लोगों ने कब्जा किया हुआ है। कई फार्म हाउसों ने इस जमीन पर कब्जा कर लिया है। इसके चलते बारिश के मौसम में नालों से पानी नहीं बहता और जलभराव की समस्या बनी रहती है। इसे लेकर ग्रामीणों ने कई बार अधिकारियों से शिकायत की थी।

'हिन्दुस्तान' ने 4 अप्रैल के अंक में हजारों लोगों की समस्या से जुड़ी इस खबर को प्रमुखता से प्रकाशित किया था। इसके बाद राजनिवास ने डीडीए को निर्देश दिए थे कि वह नाले की जमीन को लेकर नपवाई करे और उसे अतिक्रमण मुक्त कराए। समालखा गांव के रहने वाले कुछ लोगों ने भी दिल्ली सरकार को शिकायत कर बताया था कि नाले के

पास ही ग्रामसभा की जमीन पर भी फार्म हाउस मालिकों ने कब्जा कर रखा है। राजनिवास से मिले आदेश पर जब डीडीए ने यूईआर-2 के पास नपवाई की तो पाया कि लगभग तीन बीघा जमीन फार्म हाउसों ने कब्जा रखा है। बुधवार को बुलडोजर लेकर पहुंची टीम ने फार्म हाउसों को दीवार गिराकर यह जमीन वापस हासिल कर ली।

सात मीटर चौड़ा किया जाएगा नाला

अवैध कब्जे के कारण यहां पर लगभग तीन मीटर चौड़ा जो नाला बचा था, उसे लगभग 7 मीटर चौड़ा किया जाएगा। इसके अलावा यहां गांव के लिए एक बड़ा पार्क बनाने की योजना पर डीडीए काम कर रहा है। सूत्रों ने बताया कि नाले के किनारे हुए अतिक्रमण को लेकर डीडीए की टीम नपवाई का काम कर रही है। मानसून आने से पहले इन स्थानों को भी अतिक्रमण मुक्त कराने का प्रयास किया जा रहा है।

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NBCC invites bids to run Bharat Vandana Park

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NEW DELHI: NBCC Limited has invited applications to hire an agency to operate Bharat Vandana Park in Dwarka's Sector 20, which is currently 87% complete, officials said.

NBCC has not announced a specific timeline for selecting the operating agency, but officials said the objective is to ensure operational readiness soon after construction is over.

Conceived as a "Mini India" park featuring replicas of monuments from across all states, the park is being developed over 220 acres at a cost of ₹524 crore, officials said. Once completed, it is expected to become a major public landmark in Delhi, they added.

"The development of Bharat Vandana Park is progressing steadily, with key activities such as the construction of the Pylon Bridge, civil finishing works, testing and commissioning of MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) equipment, and horticulture and landscaping works currently underway," said an NBCC spokesperson, requesting anonymity.

The park's construction, which began after home minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone in December 2019, has faced multiple delays. Initially

City's next key public space

WHERE

Dwarka
Sector 20

AREA

220
acre

COST

524
crore

STATUS

87%
construction
complete,
NBCC issues
tenders for
firms to
operate the
park

WHAT THE PROJECT INCLUDES

- Nine petal-shaped zones with functions such as eco-tourism, adventure, recreation, and culture, among others
- 10 thematic zones including cultural, Pushpa Kriti Sarovar, eco-sensitive, meditation garden, lake view restaurant zones
- 36 replicas of popular monuments from across all states in India
- Sky bridges, toy trains, walk-along-the-wall features, and boating canals to connect various zones
- Animal animatronics zoo, zip-lining, musical fountain, light shows, food plazas, elevated restaurant overlooking the lake

58%
GREEN
AREA



set to be completed by March 2022, the project was pushed back to an early 2023 deadline due to the Covid-19 outbreak and was further

pushed back to December 2023 over environmental clearance issues and structural concerns related to the pylon bridge height. This bridge has now

been completed, NBCC said.

A Delhi Development Authority (DDA) official said they have asked NBCC to complete the work by July 2025, though internal estimates suggest the project may not be ready until the end of the year. "We are hoping the project will be ready by year-end," the official added.

The park's layout is inspired by a lotus flower, with nine petal-shaped zones, each serving different functions such as eco-tourism, adventure, recreation, and culture. In total, the park will feature 10 thematic zones. The park will also have 36 replicas of important monuments from all states across the country. People will be able to spot replicas of the Sun Temple in Odisha, Char Minar (Hyderabad) in Telangana, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the ghats of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, caves of Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra, Viceregal Lodge of Himachal Pradesh, Victoria Memorial of West Bengal, Golghar from Bihar and Hawa Mahal (Jaipur) from Rajasthan, among others.

According to the plan, the park will have 10 zones, including the congregational, cultural, Pushpa Kriti Sarovar, eco-sensitive, meditation garden, fun park, adventure park, and lake view restaurant zones.

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48 villages to be urbanised in Master Plan 2041: Govt

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NEW DELHI: Public Works Department (PWD) minister Parvesh Verma announced on Saturday that the Delhi Master Plan 2041 will lead to urbanisation of 48 villages and allow free registry in "lal dora" areas — village residential areas traditionally used for habitation and exempt from certain land-use.

"Under this ambitious plan, around 48 villages in Delhi will be urbanised, marking a historic shift in the Capital's development strategy. Urbanisation will not only bring infrastructural growth to these areas but also provide access to essential urban amenities such as paved roads, proper drainage systems, reliable water supply, street lighting, schools, and healthcare facilities," Verma said while on a visit to Daulatpur village in southwest Delhi.

Verma also said the Master Plan 2041 is in the final stage and will be implemented soon. To recall, the final draft of the

What does the plan include?

KEY POINTS

- Urbanisation of 48 villages
- Free registry in "lal dora" areas
- Making Delhi a 24x7 functioning city
- Promoting transit-oriented development
- Providing affordable housing along with parking infrastructure
- Minimising vehicular pollution
- More planned commercial spaces
- Regularisation of unauthorised colonies
- Managing solid waste efficiently

"Urbanisation will not only bring infrastructural growth but also provide access to essential urban amenities such as paved roads, drainage, reliable water supply, street lights, and healthcare."

—PARVESH VERMA



plan was prepared by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and sent to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in 2022 and has since been awaiting approval. It was also uploaded for public feedback in June 2021 and over 33,000 comments for amendments were received. In April 2022, the DDA reviewed the draft to incorporate the objections and suggestions and several changes were introduced

in the plan after the floods in 2023, officials said.

To provide relief to rural families, the minister also announced that the first registry of properties falling under the "lal dora" category will be free of cost. Officials said this is expected to resolve long-pending property disputes and enable people to obtain legal ownership documents without financial burden. It will also help strengthen land rights and

bring transparency to rural property records, they added.

"Our goal is not just to create policies, but to implement them with full transparency and accountability. Master Plan 2041 will change the face of Delhi's villages and provide the rural population with facilities at par with urban areas," Verma added.

Plans under the new master plan include making Delhi a 24x7 city, promoting transit-oriented development, better management of public spaces, providing affordable housing along with parking infrastructure and minimising vehicular pollution. Further, it has also proposed more planned commercial spaces, regularisation of unauthorised colonies and green development areas.

Additionally, it also has sections on making water in the city secure, managing solid waste efficiently and disaster preparedness and resilience. But MoHUA and DDA have not confirmed details on the changes and timeline of the plan.

Demolition drive continues in S Delhi

New Delhi: Following directions from lieutenant governor VK Saxena to remove encroachments on govt land and unauthorised constructions, a joint demolition was carried out in Ansal Farms of south Delhi's Satbari by the land acquisition collector (LAC) of the south district, the land and building department, and the Delhi Development Authority. According to officials, "highly precious" govt land, measuring approximately three acres, was handed over to the DDA. The land was earlier acquired by the DDA but was encroached upon by private builders. A similar demolition drive was carried out in the Sainik Farms area earlier last week. TNN

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सतबड़ी में अवैध निर्माण पर चलाया बुलडोज़र



■ NBT रिपोर्ट नई दिल्ली: एलजी के निर्देशों के तहत सरकारी जमीन से अतिक्रमण हटाने और अवैध निर्माणों को तोड़ने की कार्रवाई लगातार जारी है। शुक्रवार को दक्षिण दिल्ली के गांव सतबड़ी स्थित अंसल फार्म में तोड़फोड़ कार्रवाई को अंजाम दिया गया। यह कार्रवाई खसरा संख्या 648 (4-16), 665 (4-16), 803 (1-04) और 804 (4-08) पर की गई, जहाँ लगभग 15 बीघा 04 बिस्वा (करीब 3 एकड़) जमीन पर निर्माणाधीन अवैध ढांचे खड़े किए जा रहे थे। संयुक्त कार्रवाई एलएसी (दक्षिण)

द्वारा तय किया गया था। वहाँ, डीडिए की ओर से इस अभियान के लिए तमाम जरूरी लॉजिस्टिक सहयोग उपलब्ध कराया गया। यह कार्रवाई एलएसी (दक्षिण), भूमि एवं भवन विभाग और डीडिए के अधिकारियों की उपस्थिति में शांतिपूर्ण ढंग से पूरी की गई। अवैध निर्माणों को हटाने के बाद करीब 3 एकड़ सरकारी जमीन को एलएसी से भूमि एवं भवन विभाग के माध्यम से डीडिए को औपचारिक रूप से सौंप दिया गया। अधिकारियों ने स्पष्ट किया कि इस तरह की कार्रवाई आगे भी जारी रहेगी ताकि सरकारी जमीन पर अतिक्रमण न हो सके।

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CITE OVERCROWDING

To shift Tihar to city's outskirts, jail officials seek 400-acre plot of land

PRAGYNESH
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PLANS ARE afoot to completely shift Tihar Jail from its West Delhi location to the outskirts of the city. This process, a prison official said, would be initiated as soon as the Delhi Development

Authority (DDA) approves a 400-acre plot for the prison complex. Last month, authorities wrote a letter to the DDA seeking allocation of land while citing issues of overcrowding in its three prison complexes — they currently house double the capacity of inmates. A copy of the April 24 letter, seen by *The Indian Express*, also refers to Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's Budget speech in March where she talks about shifting the jail.

The letter stated, "... Delhi Prisons is operating from three complexes of Tihar, Rohini and Mandoli, comprising 16 jails. These prisons have an overall capacity to lodge 10,026 inmates, whereas the present occupancy in these prisons is around 20,000."

This, the letter said, "creates security issues and causes severe strain on essential amenities like water and sewerage facilities, garbage disposal, etc., which results in serious health hazards..." The letter also pointed out that

despite a fourth prison, a high-security one at Narela, coming up, it will still not be able to address the problem. "The upcoming project... at Narela shall also not be able to address the problem of overcrowding, as the sanctioned capacity... at this jail is 256 inmates. Hence, the department is in dire need of additional land for constructing new jails with a capacity to accommodate at least 5,000-8,000 inmates," it said.

The letter added, "It is submitted that in the Budget speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister..., the proposal to decongest the existing Tihar Jail Complex... has been taken up and a new scheme for development of a new Jail Complex by shifting the existing Tihar Jail Complex to some other location has been formulated."

Tihar is close to Tilak Nagar and Hari Nagar in West Delhi.

A jail official stressed why the move is important. "It's essential to move Tihar out of a residential locality," he said. "Most of our jails are single-storeyed, while residential societies around Tihar are high-rises. Anyone can climb up these buildings and see Tihar. Anything can be thrown inside... Jails are meant to keep criminals at a distance from cities — not in the middle of them."

On the current capacity of Tihar, the official had said jails 1



Tihar is close to Tilak Nagar and Hari Nagar. Archive

IN NUMBERS

■ Delhi Prisons operates from three complexes — Tihar, Rohini and Mandoli — comprising 16 jails.

10,026: Overall capacity

20,000 (approx): Present occupancy

EXPANSION PLANS

■ Shift Tihar to new location

■ Build high-security prison in Narela

■ Build two more prisons on Narela plot

to 9 can house approximately 5,000 inmates, but accommodate over 12,000 prisoners at present. "Jails 10 to 16 are designed to house approximately 3,700 inmates, but currently have over 3,900 inmates. Jail Number 4 in Tihar and 12 in Mandoli Jail are known as 'Mulaija Jail', which

means first-time offenders. We have a large number of inmates in these two jails," said the official.

2 more jails proposed

The jail administration has also mooted another proposal to decongest prisons — constructing two new jails, with a com-

bined capacity of 2,000 inmates, alongside the Narela prison. In this regard, the jail administration will soon send a proposal to the government, a prison official said.

The decision comes as the first tranche of funds, approximately Rs 10 crore out of the allocated Rs 148.58 crore for the Narela project, was received by the Tihar administration to start work. "This would be used on the architectural design of the prison," the official said.

Out of the total allocation, Rs 48.58 crore would be given by the Delhi government, while the rest will come from the Centre.

The total land allotted for the Narela prison is 40 acres, out of which the 250-inmate capacity site would require approximately 18 acres to construct, a Tihar official said. "The remaining area, 22 acres, would be used to construct the two other prisons. The proposal is being drafted and will be sent soon. Since the plan is to construct it on already allocated land, extra allocation of area won't be needed," the official said.

The deadline for the completion of the Narela prison has been set at 21 months, over two phases. The first phase will be completed in 2025-2026, while the second will be in 2026-27, as per government documents.

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Green nod for housing in Vasant Kunj Pocket B

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) has given the green nod for the construction of a group housing project in Vasant Kunj Sector B, Pocket 1 in south Delhi, recommending it to the apex court for final approval.

CEC said that despite 85% of the proposed project site — 4,553 sqm out of a total 5,353 sqm — lying within the morphological ridge, a zone accorded the same legal protections as Delhi's notified ridge areas, none of the 23 trees on the project site is being felled for the project. In its report to the apex court dated May 14, CEC also said that the land, while classified as part of the morphological ridge, is largely flat and surrounded by existing **Delhi Development Authority (DDA)** residential development.

The project is being executed by a private developer, who has been directed to ensure no trees on the site are either felled or translocated. Of the 23 trees on site, 19 were found to be healthy by CEC during an inspection, three were dried out, and one had been rehabilitated after falling recently.

"No tree felling will be permit-



The land in Pocket 1, Block B of Vasant Kunj. 85% of the land lies within the protected morphological ridge.

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ted," the report added, calling for the project proponent to carry out the compensatory plantation of 500 indigenous trees: 250 along internal roads and 250 along the project's periphery.

"A 385-metre-long green fencing will also have to be erected around the boundary of the site," it said.

The housing proposal had already secured clearances from DDA, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the Airports Authority of India (AAI), and had received environmental clearance from the ministry of

environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC) as well as the State Expert Appraisal Committee.

CEC had received two representations in the matter: one from the developer seeking permission for the housing scheme, and another from a local resident, Rajiv Ranjan, who raised objections citing the project's location within the morphological ridge.

In his submission, Ranjan argued that no construction should be permitted on the ecologically sensitive land. The

developer, meanwhile, maintained that the site does not display ridge-like characteristics and should not fall under the same restrictions.

Following deliberations, CEC concluded that while the land does fall within the ridge classification, the absence of ridge-like topography, the surrounding built-up context, and the absence of any tree felling make a case for conditional clearance.

"It is recommended that this court may consider permitting the use of 4,553 sqm of the subject land for the construction of the group housing project, without the felling of any trees," the committee wrote. The Supreme Court is expected to take a final view on the matter in the coming weeks.

The project will have three towers, with each tower to have three basements and nine floors, the proposal said.

Local residents have been protesting against the project, arguing that it violates the Master Plan 2021.

In August 2024, residents organised a protest march, highlighting issues such as the absence of the mandated 18-metre-wide roads and the lack of separate entry and exit points for the new complex.

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SC panel's nod to Vasant Kunj housing project with tree rider

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New Delhi: The Central Empowered Committee (CEC), appointed by the Supreme Court, has granted approval for a group housing development in Sector B, Pocket-1 in Vasant Kunj. Nearly 80% of the development is on the morphological ridge of Delhi, so the CEC has asked the private builder to ensure the protection of all 23 existing trees within the project boundary.

The private developer has been asked to plant 250 indigenous tree species for a green fencing. Additionally, the developer is required to plant another 250 trees along the internal roadway.

The morphological ridge, characterised by ridge-like terrain and features, is granted the same level of protection as other designated ridge areas. After the CEC's nod, the project will need final permission from the Supreme Court.

In this matter, the CEC received two applications — one from a private builder in favour of the group housing

project and another from a local, Rajiv Ranjan, who raised objections against the project, claiming that since the proposed land falls within the morphological ridge, no construction can be allowed.

Ranjan told the CEC that out of the total 5,353 square metres of the project land, 4,553 square metres are on the morphological ridge. However, the private developer alleged that the land does not fall in the morphological ridge area, nor does it exhibit any qualifying characteristics.

In a report dated May 14, which was submitted to the Supreme Court for consideration, CEC confirmed that the majority of the 'subject land' falls within the morphological ridge area. "The committee conducted a site visit on Jan 3 and observed that the 'subject land' is flat land, surrounded by the residential houses of DDA," said the report. It added that a total of 23 trees are present at the site, out of which 19 are healthy and upright, one is a rehabilitated fallen tree, and three are dried out. The proposed project

does not envisage felling or translocation of any tree.

The proposal for group housing has received NOCs from the departments concerned, including DDA, MCD, Airports Authority of India, and environmental clearance from the ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee.

"It is recommended that this court may consider permitting the use of 4,553 square metres (0.4553 ha) of the 'subject land' without felling any tree for the construction of the group housing project," said the report.

The CEC, however, directed the private builder that no tree felling will be allowed to be cut, and it should ensure the protection of all 23 trees standing on the 'subject land'. It also asked for green fencing on a periphery of 385 metres and for the planting of about 250 trees of indigenous species alongside it. "Similarly, another 250 trees of indigenous species shall be planted along the internal roads," the CEC said.

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DDA launches summer sports camps across city

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New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has made swimming pools accessible across the city to provide residents some relief from the heat.

The authority manages a network of 17 sports complexes with public swimming pools, and it has opened these after obtaining fresh permissions.

These include swimming facilities at the Saket Sports Complex, Yamuna Sports Complex, Netaji Subhash Sports Complex at Jasola, Dwarka Sports Complex Sector-II, Rohini Sports Complex, Major Dhyani Chand Sports Complex, and Hari Nagar Sports Complex, among others.

"These seasonal pools typically operate till the end of Sept. Annual renewals of permissions are mandatory from various bodies in addition to water test reports from accredited labs," an official said.

DDA also maintains all-weather pools such as at Siri Fort Sports Complex, which is open for 10 months — from Feb 1 to Nov 30. From April 1 to Sept 30, it operates as normal pool, and for the rest of the months, it is a heated pool, with variations in fees.

A maximum of 80 people are allowed in one session of one

hour at big DDA pools (25 metres by 50 metres) of Olympic size and 40 in pools of a smaller size (12.5 metres by 25 metres).

"For the convenience of visitors, we are keeping sessions in the morning, which will be from 6am to 12pm, as well as in the evening from 3pm to 9pm," an official had said earlier. The monthly coaching charge is Rs 1,250 for each person in summer.

"The pool here (Siri Fort) receives maximum footfall, which is why we did detailed renovation work in 2023 (after 13 years). The Olympic-size pool here has heating facilities, air-conditioned changing rooms and a reception area. Next to the pool is a toddlers' pool. The facility is open in winter as well and has provisions for heating and maintaining temperature," the official said.

Similarly, at the swimming pool in Vasant Kunj Sports Complex, DDA has said that it has ramps and other facilities to allow persons with disabilities to use the facility. "Despite creating many facilities, we are keeping the users' charges very competitive at swimming pools so that people can benefit," an official had said earlier.

Besides swimming, various sports activities are being of-

fered for children of different ages with the beginning of summer vacations. "Summer coaching camps in badminton, basketball, cricket, football, skating, taekwondo, tennis, and yoga are already in progress at Siri Fort, Saket Sports Complex, Hari Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Dwarka Sports Complex Sector-II, Dwarka Complex Sector 17, Major Dhyani Chand, RSC, Rastriya Swabhiman Khel Parisar, Poorvi Delhi, Squash and Badminton Stadium (SBS) on Siri Fort Road, and Commonwealth Games," stated the authority.

Early this month, DDA started recruiting professional sports coaches across various disciplines at their sports complexes, offering a revenue-sharing arrangement. "The authority made these preparations to accommodate the anticipated surge in attendance during the upcoming summer holidays, particularly for temporary courses and specific sporting activities. A maximum of two sports complexes would be awarded to any coach or agency in any discipline," stated the authority.

"The difference in coaching rates for members and non-members at all sports complexes will be uniform at 25% additional charges for non-members," the authority said.

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प्रदूषण से जंग में सेंट्रल वर्ज पर मिस्ट स्प्रे लगाना अनिवार्य

राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण • नई दिल्ली: प्रदूषण से जंग में अब दिल्ली की प्रमुख सड़कों के सेंट्रल वर्ज पर लगे इलेक्ट्रिक और दूसरे पोल पर भी मिस्ट स्प्रे लगाना अनिवार्य होगा। यह मिस्ट स्प्रे पानी की बूंदों का छिड़काव करते हैं। मानसून के चार माह को छोड़कर यह मिस्ट स्प्रे पूरे साल चलेंगे। इसके आदेश दिल्ली पर्यावरण विभाग ने जारी किए हैं।

पर्यावरण विभाग के प्रधान सचिव अनिल कुमार सिंह ने कहा कि यू तो दिल्ली पूरे साल प्रदूषण झेलती है, लेकिन सर्दियों में यह समस्या अधिक होती है। कोर्ट ने राज्य सरकार और संबंधित एजेंसियों को आदेश दिए हैं कि प्रदूषण को कम करने के लिए पानी के छिड़काव आदि का इस्तेमाल करें। दिल्ली में 13 हाट स्पॉट की पहचान भी की गई है, जहां आमतौर पर पीएम 10 और पीएम 2.5 का स्तर काफी अधिक रहता है। इन जगहों पर गाड़ियों की अधिकता, निर्माण कार्य, सड़कों की धूल, उद्योगों से निकलने

दिल्ली सरकार के पर्यावरण विभाग ने जारी किए आदेश, मानसून के चार महीनों को छोड़कर पूरे वर्ष करेंगे काम

वाले धुएँ के अलावा स्थानीय कारणों के चलते हवा गंभीर स्तर पर पहुँच जाती है।

अधिकारियों के अनुसार आटोमेटेड मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम से पानी की छोटी छोटी बूंदें धूल के कण को नीचे ले जाती हैं और वह जमीन में बैठ जाते हैं। इससे हवा साफ होती है। डीडीए और एनडीएमसी ने पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के रूप में अपने अपने क्षेत्रों में कहीं कहीं मिस्ट स्प्रे लगाए भी हैं। इसके काफी अच्छे नतीजे मिले हैं। ऐसे में अब इन मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का इस्तेमाल बड़ी संख्या में किए जाने की जरूरत महसूस हो रही है। वाटर स्प्रेक्लर एवं एंटी स्मॉग गन का इस्तेमाल भी किया जा रहा है।

पर्यावरण विभाग के अनुसार



लोधी रोड स्थित खंभों पर प्रदूषण को कम करने के लिए लगाए गए फव्वारे • जागरण

सड़कों के बीचोंबीच पर्याप्त संख्या में इलेक्ट्रिक पोल लगे हुए हैं। अब इन पोल पर मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम स्थापित किया जाएगा। पर्यावरण विभाग की तरफ से यह आदेश पीडब्ल्यूडी, एमसीडी, डीडीए और एनडीएमसी को दिए गए हैं। इसमें सड़कों के सेंट्रल वर्ज पर लगे सभी इलेक्ट्रिक व दूसरे पोल पर मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम या इस जैसे दूसरे सिस्टम लगाने को कहा गया है। सबसे पहले

यह मिस्ट स्प्रे यह एजेंसियां अपने हाट स्पॉट में लगाएंगी। दूसरी सड़कों पर लगाने के लिए सभी एजेंसियां अपना समयबद्ध एक्शन प्लान 15 दिन में विभाग को देंगी। मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम मानसून सीजन (15 जून से एक अक्टूबर) को छोड़कर बाकी पूरे साल काम करेगा। हर तीन माह में इसकी रिपोर्ट भी विभाग देंगे।

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वायु प्रदूषण पर नियंत्रण के लिए दिल्ली की प्रमुख सड़कों के सेंट्रल वर्ज पर इलेक्ट्रिक और दूसरे पोल पर मिस्ट स्प्रे लगाने का निर्णय स्वागतयोग्य है। मिस्ट स्प्रे पानी की बूंदों का छिड़काव करते हैं। मानसून के चार माह को छोड़ यह मिस्ट स्प्रे पूरे साल चलेंगे। आटोमेटेड मिस्ट स्प्रे से निकलने वाली पानी की बूंदें धूल के कण को नीचे ले जाती हैं और वह जमीन में बैठ जाते हैं। इससे हवा साफ होती है। ऐसे में अब इन मिस्ट स्प्रे सिस्टम का इस्तेमाल बड़ी मात्रा में किए जाने की जरूरत महसूस हो रही है।

साथ ही वाटर स्प्रेक्लर एवं एंटी स्मॉग गन का इस्तेमाल भी जारी रहेगा। पर्यावरण विभाग की ओर से यह आदेश पीडब्ल्यूडी, एमसीडी, डीडीए और एनडीएमसी को दे दिए गए हैं। सबसे पहले एजेंसियां मिस्ट स्प्रे अपने-अपने हाट स्पॉट में लगाएंगी। राजधानी को वायु प्रदूषण से बचाने के लिए दिल्ली सरकार का विंटर और समर एक्शन प्लान बनाने के लिए काम करना समय की मांग है। लेकिन यहां जिस तरह सिर्फ सर्दी में ही नहीं, अपितु वर्ष भर वायु प्रदूषण गहराया रहता है, यह जरूरी है कि पूरे साल प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर उतनी ही सक्रियता दिखाई जाए, जितनी सर्दियों के मौसम में दिखाई जाती है।

राजधानी को वायु प्रदूषण से बचाने के लिए दिल्ली सरकार का विंटर और समर एक्शन प्लान बनाने के लिए काम करना समय की मांग, पूरे वर्ष सक्रिय रहे सरकार

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राज्य ब्यूरो, जागरण • नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली में बढ़ते तापमान के बीच दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) ने अपने सभी स्विमिंग पूल खोल दिए हैं। साथ ही ग्रीष्मकालीन खेल शिविर भी शुरू कर दिए हैं।

डीडीए शहर भर में 17 खेल परिसरों का संचालन करता है, जिनमें सार्वजनिक स्विमिंग पूल हैं। डीडीए द्वारा संचालित 17 खेल परिसर हैं - साकेत स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स, यमुना स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स, जसोला में नेताजी सुभाष स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स, द्वारका स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स, सेक्टर-11, रोहिणी स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स, मेजर ध्यानचंद स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स और हरि नगर स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स इत्यादि।

एक आधिकारिक बयान में, डीडीए ने कहा कि हर साल अनुमति का नवीनीकरण आवश्यक



सूरजमल विहार स्थित यमुना स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स • आर्काइव

है। "ये मौसमी पूल आमतौर पर सितंबर के अंत तक संचालित होते हैं। मान्यता प्राप्त प्रयोगशालाओं से पानी की जांच रिपोर्ट के अलावा विभिन्न निकायों से अनुमति का वार्षिक नवीनीकरण अनिवार्य है।" यहां सभी मौसम के अनुकूल पूल भी हैं, जैसे सिरी फोर्ट स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स, प्राधिकरण सभी मौसम के अनुकूल पूल संचालित करता है। यह एक फरवरी से 30 नवंबर

तक 10 महीने के लिए खुले रहते हैं। एक अप्रैल से 30 सितंबर तक यह सामान्य पूल के रूप में संचालित होता है और बाकी महीनों के लिए यह एक गर्म पूल है, जिसमें अलग-अलग शुल्क संरचना है।

एक अधिकारी के मुताबिक "आगंतुकों की सुविधा के लिए, हम सुबह के सत्र रख रहे हैं, जो सुबह छह से दोपहर 12 बजे तक

• खेल परिसर सुबह छह से दोपहर 12 बजे और शाम छह से रात नौ बजे तक होगा संचालन

होगा, साथ ही शाम को छह से रात नौ बजे तक होगा।" डीडीए प्रति व्यक्ति मासिक 1,230 रुपये शुल्क के रूप में लेता है। अधिकारी के मुताबिक 'सिरीफोर्ट' के स्विमिंग पूल में सबसे ज्यादा लोग आते हैं। यही वजह है कि हमने 2023 (13 साल बाद) में इसका विस्तृत नवीनीकरण कार्य किया। यहां ओलंपिक आकार के पूल में हीटिंग की सुविधा, वातानुकूलित चेंजिंग रूम और एक रिसीपन क्षेत्र है। पूल के बगल में बच्चों के लिए एक पूल है। यह सुविधा सर्दियों में भी खुली रहती है। इसमें हीटिंग और तापमान बनाए रखने के प्रविधान हैं।" प्राधिकरण ने नोटिस में कहा है, "सभी खेल परिसरों में सदस्यों और गैर-सदस्यों के लिए कोचिंग दरों में अंतर गैर-सदस्यों के लिए 25 प्रतिशत अतिरिक्त शुल्क पर समान होगा।"

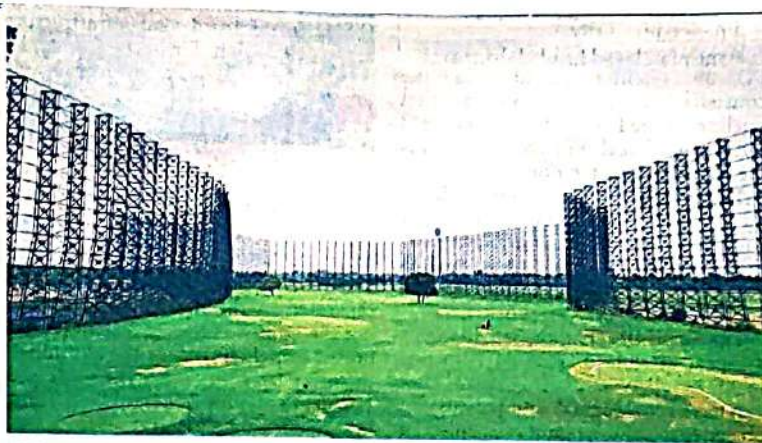
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DDA opens membership for golf course in Dwarka

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The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has opened membership for its golf course located in Sector 24 in Dwarka.

According to the playing rights brochure issued by the agency, persons from the non-government category can get membership for five years by paying an entry fee of ₹9 lakh, in addition to a monthly fee of ₹2,200.

A three-year membership in the same category comes with an entry fee of ₹6 lakh and a monthly fee of ₹2,200, it said.

The agency said that for Government employees, the entry fee has been fixed at Rs 3 lakh for five years and ₹2 lakh for three years, with a monthly fee of Rs 1500.

The 18-hole golf course spans 7,377-yards and features two-level, open-to-sky driving range that can accommodate up to 52 players at a time — 26 on each level. The facility also includes a clubhouse equipped with modern amenities.

The DDA is offering 2,000 memberships in total, of which 200 are reserved for government employees and the remaining include general applicants, members of foreign embassies and organisations.

"Spouse and dependent children from the ages of five to 21 can be added in the playing rights of individuals whose rights are approved. Dependents with playing rights would need to pay a monthly subscription, as applicable," an official document said.

As per the rules, dependents of members are entitled to play on the golf course, driving range and use the club facilities. Non-playing dependents are not required to pay monthly subscription and are not entitled to play on the golf course, though they can utilise the facilities of club house.

The entire process of application and payment of entry fees would be online. Applications for tenure playing rights are to be submitted online along with requisite documents.

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Juicy, glossy Turkish apple rots on Indian plates

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In Delhi's bustling fruit bazaars, where the air is thick with the scent of ripe mangoes, crushed leaves and ambition, a quiet storm is brewing. The conflict isn't over land or language — it's over apples. Specifically, Turkish ones.

Once praised for their glossy skin and sweet crunch, Turkish apples are now at the centre of an unusual political protest unfolding across Delhi's biggest fruit markets — from the massive sprawl of Azadpur Mandi in the north to the upscale INA Market in the south. And it all began with a border — and a statement.

Earlier this year, when Türkiye publicly supported Pakistan during a fresh round of India-Pakistan tensions and even supplied drones to Islamabad, many Indians saw it as a betrayal. The response? Swift, symbolic and deeply personal: a boycott, starting with what was on their plate — or in their fruit basket.

"We've stopped placing any new orders from Türkiye," says Sunil, sales manager at Gemtree, a key importer at Azadpur,



Asia's largest fruit and vegetable market. "Yes, the remaining stock is still coming in, but we won't support any country that supports our enemy. We must stand with our nation." The Azadpur Market, built by the Delhi Development Authority in 1977, is not just a marketplace — it's the beating

heart of fruit trade across North India. Retailers from Punjab to Uttar Pradesh come here to fill their trucks with apples, bananas, oranges and more. For years, Turkish apples filled a crucial seasonal gap — arriving from March to June, just as Indian varieties begin to fade. But this year,

they're arriving with crossed arms and skeptical glances.

"Customers usually care about taste and price," says Shiv, a local fruit seller. "They ask if it's sweet, how crunchy it is — not which country it comes from. But now, even that is changing." Turkish apples sit in a mid-range price bracket: cheaper than premium imports from the US or New Zealand but costlier than Indian, Iranian, or Afghan varieties. But in the current climate, even affordability isn't enough. Some traders, however, are stuck in a moral and financial tug-of-war. "At heart, I support the boycott," says a salesperson at Exotic Crate Fruits in Azadpur.

"But what if I stop selling Turkish apples and the guy next to me doesn't? I'll lose customers. We're waiting for the government to decide officially." The conversation is even sharper at INA Market, known for its high-end produce and wealthy clientele. At Golden Fresh Fruit Corner, a vendor is clear, "We've completely stopped buying Turkish apples. It's been over a week. We don't need them."

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Rajesh, the owner of Rinku Vegetables — one of INA's largest fruit stores — offers both political and practical reasons. "As a responsible citizen, I fully support the boycott. Profit can never come before national interest," he says. "But honestly, Turkish apple quality has also gone down lately. That's another reason they're not in demand."

Others, like Bhaskar, another seller at INA, speak with emotion. "I've lost all interest in Turkish apples. If some-

one stands against us, we won't tolerate it. It's that simple."

The impact of the boycott isn't just local. Travel trends have shifted, too. Websites like ixigo report a steep drop in bookings to Türkiye, with cancellations spiking by 250 per cent. Platforms have paused travel to Türkiye, Azerbaijan and China. Indian travellers are now setting their sights on alternatives like Greece, Thailand, Vietnam and Georgia. Back at Azadpur, the chaos never stops — porters weave through tight lanes with crates balanced on their

shoulders, vendors haggle in rapid-fire Hindi and the ground remains slick with muddy water and crushed fruit. In INA, LED-lit displays glisten with carefully arranged produce. But in both places, Turkish apples have become more than just a fruit — they've become a symbol. A symbol of protest, of identity, of how global politics can trickle down to something as simple — and as powerful — as what we choose to eat. Because sometimes, even a fruit isn't just a fruit, it becomes a political statement.

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■ सहारा न्यूज ब्यूरो
नई दिल्ली।

लंबित मास्टर प्लान-2041 लागू होते ही दिल्ली के 48 गांव शहरीकरण की प्रक्रिया में शामिल हो जाएंगे। उम्मीद है कि जल्द ही मास्टर प्लान-2041 को मंजूरी मिल जाएगी। यह जानकारी पीडब्ल्यूडी मंत्री प्रवेश वर्मा ने दी है। हालांकि बहुप्रतीक्षित मास्टर प्लान-2041 काफी पिछड़ गया है। नियमानुसार नया मास्टर

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प्लान-2021 में लागू होना था जबकि दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) कई साल पहले ही मास्टर प्लान की प्रक्रिया पूरी हो चुकी है। उनका कहना है कि मास्टर प्लान लागू होते ही लाल डोरा क्षेत्र की पहली रजिस्ट्री मुफ्त की जाएगी।

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रजिस्ट्री का पंजीकरण मुफ्त में करेंगी। इसके साथ ही संपत्ति विवादों में कमी आएगी और उनकी कानूनी सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित होगी। उन्होंने पत्रकारों से बातचीत में कहा कि सरकार का उद्देश्य केवल योजना बनाना नहीं होता है उन्हें जमीन पर उतारकर लोगों को उनका लाभ सुनिश्चित भी करना होता है। उन्होंने कहा कि उम्मीद है कि मास्टर प्लान-2041 गांवों की तस्वीर बदल देगा। सरकार के इन निर्णयों की मौके पर मौजूद स्थानीय लोगों ने सराहना करते हुए मंत्री का आभार जताया। इस दौरान उन्होंने दरियापुर खुर्द गांव के लोगों को नवनिर्मित चौपाल सौंपी।