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## Tussle on the cards? LG Saxena holds security review of Tihar jail

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**NEW DELHI:** Delhi lieutenant governor (LG) Vinai Kumar Saxena held a security review meeting with the Delhi prison's director general Sanjay Baniwal on Thursday — a move that could potentially trigger a fresh tussle between the LG's office and the Delhi government which controls the administration of prisons in the state.

Officials aware of the development on Friday said that the meeting was significant for three reasons. First, this was the first time in recent years that the LG held a "security review" meeting; second, it took place in the backdrop of recent alleged jail rule violations involving Delhi minister Satyendar Jain; and third, the Delhi government had just last week described the LG's decision to form a committee to probe jail violation as unconstitutional.

A Delhi government spokesperson declined to comment.

Jain, who is facing money



Lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena interacts with chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday.

laundering allegations, also controlled the home department (under which prisons fall). He is still a minister in the Delhi government, but does not hold any portfolio.

A senior officer, who was aware of the meeting but spoke on condition of anonymity, said that Baniwal met Saxena in his

office on Thursday. "The meeting will now be held fortnightly," the officer added.

"The LG reviewed emergency preparedness at the prison, the number of forces deployed there, and if there was a need for more security. He also sought to know about the precautions that jail officers are taking to stop the

smuggling of prohibited articles. He also checked the status and the need for installing more mobile phone signal jammers. There was a separate discussion on the need to have modern gadgets to control smuggling and also improve security in prison," the officer said.

On December 1, Saxena formed a committee to look into alleged violations by Jain. The panel contended that prison rules were circumvented to make Jain's stay comfortable in prison. The report prepared by principal secretaries of home, vigilance and law departments also said that jail authorities had forced at least five prisoners to provide special services to Jain.

In response, a Delhi government spokesperson said that the LG did not have the authority to set up such a committee, and that the committee and its report were illegal.

About a month before the committee was formed, the prison's former chief, Sandeep Goel, was also transferred. Bani-

wal has replaced Goel.

During the meeting, LG Saxena directed jail officers to expedite the process of filing up vacancies in the prison staff. "The LG sought details of the status of the proposed jail complex in Narela. He also discussed ways to have more skill development courses for prisoners and also ensure that terminally ill patients are not incarcerated and get all the legal resources available the law," the officer quoted above said.

Against a sanctioned capacity of 10,026 prisoners, the three jail complexes in Delhi — Tihar, Rohini and Mandoli — hold nearly 20,000 prisoners. The idea for a fourth jail was conceived in 2003 and the prison department made an advance payment to the DDA for land.

However, the land-owning agency later hiked the prices, delaying the project. Apprised of the delay, LG Saxena, who is also the chairperson of DDA, ordered the agency on June 8 to hand over the land.

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## Garbage-free localities, better roads, ease of access to services: Long list of expectations for new MCD

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IN THE eight years that the Aam Aadmi Party has governed Delhi, it has often pointed out that it is not responsible for a host of civic issues that come under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's jurisdiction. After receiving a drubbing in the 2017 municipal polls at the hands of the BJP, the AAP managed to come to power in the civic body last week — and now faces a laundry list of expectations people have of it.

The MCD provides a 'cradle-to-grave' service for the people of Delhi. Right from birth registration to primary schooling, from healthcare services to trade licences, from cleanliness to permissions for building a house — all come under it.

Between 1966 and 1990, Delhi's governance was the responsibility of the Delhi Metropolitan Council. There was no state government. After Delhi got a state government, with limited powers, the power of the civic body was amended. Now, there were two authorities in Delhi, apart from the land-owning agency Delhi Development Authority and the police under Ministry of Home Affairs.

With different parties ruling the two bodies for well over 15 years, friction between the two has been common, but never was the relationship between the two as fraught as it has been over the past eight years when the AAP came into power in the Delhi government.

Residents have now voted for the same party to be in power in both bodies, hoping for more synergy.

The AAP has now appointed four senior party members — Durgesh Pathak, Saurabh Bharadwaj, Atishi and Adil Khan — to manage the 12 MCD zones.

The *Indian Express* spoke to residents as well as AAP leaders about peoples' wishlist for the new MCD and the road ahead.

"Delhi has never looked so dirty. One can see mounds of garbage even in the upscale colonies of Delhi. In this fight between AAP and BJP, Delhi has suffered. The first thing that Delhi needs is a thorough cleanup," said Karen Madan, a resident of Safdarjung Enclave and an active member of the RWA in his area.

His wish for a clean Delhi is one that is also on the top of AAP leaders' and councillors' to-do lists.



The AAP-led MCD will have to ensure better garbage disposal, especially collection of segregated waste, ensure roads across colonies are fixed and resolve the issue of stray cattle. Archive



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**WISH:** A cleaner, garbage-free city. AAP ran its MCD campaign around garbage and has promised a cleaner city, with smaller landfill sites

**CHALLENGE:** Along with ensuring timely and regular collection of waste from homes as well as dhalaos, the government has to insist on waste segregation at the source so that the problem can be tackled in the long run.

**WISH:** Better colony roads. In Delhi, all roads that are under 60 feet wide come under the MCD. This includes colony roads. AAP had promised to work with RWAs to solve the problem of broken and dark colony roads.

**CHALLENGE:** Funding has been a big point of contention between the Delhi government and MCD over the past eight years and city infrastructure has suffered. The challenge is to

put the MLA and Councillor funds to efficient use and to ensure that all colonies get equal attention.

**WISH:** Tree-pruning. The issue is contentious, especially with courts keeping a close eye on instances of abuse.

**CHALLENGE:** Making and implementing a policy that sits well with both residents, activists and MCD officials.

**WISH:** Handling the issue of stray cattle and ensuring they are sent to shelters

**CHALLENGE:** Stray cattle in the city are usually owned by small dairies, who leave them out during the day. Many are also abandoned. The challenge is to tag all cattle, ensure fines are issued to those dairy owners who leave their cattle out on the streets, and create enough space in shelters to comfortably accommodate strays.

"Cleanliness and garbage management is the biggest thing people want for the city. It is going to be our priority. You need more sanitation workers. They have to be made responsible for particular areas to set accountability. Overall, solid waste management has to be process-oriented. Collection of segregated waste from the doorstep has to be made part of the system," said AAP's Saurabh Bharadwaj.

Party leader Durgesh Pathak, too, laid emphasis on sanitation workers. "We have to motivate the karamcharis and pay them on time. We have to take care of those who take care of Delhi. We did the same thing with schools. We motivated teachers and the teaching-learning process improved," he said.

The second thing that is on the priority list is ensuring smoother services to people.

Several services such as the registration of death and birth are already online, and the plan is to expand this net.

"People have to face humiliation to get any work done at MCD offices. People have started to think that it is not possible to get work done without paying bribes. We have to bring in a smoother system that is largely online. We have done this in the Delhi government already," Pathak said.

On the list of demands of residents is also permission for pruning trees. A seemingly small problem, residents across the city have complained that there are no clear rules and guidelines that can help them get sunlight in winter. A better policy for tree pruning was also part of the Charter of Demands put forth by citizens' group, Save our City.

"The MCD must do a survey

of all trees and give an identification number to each. A suitable policy must be framed for automatic pruning and removal of dead and dangerous trees," it said.

"This is among the biggest demands people have from the MCD. Many overzealous activists have made overgrown trees a real problem in Delhi. People need sun in winter and a proper mechanism must be devised to ensure that this is done in a proper manner. Not pruning trees is also harming them because they get heavy and are being uprooted," Bharadwaj said.

Residents have also spoken about smooth and well-lit roads in and around their neighbourhoods.

"Over the past few years, roads have not been laid by the MCD. It is RWAs that have managed to get some work done but

there has been no concerted effort from the authorities. This is something that needs to be fixed. We live in a posh colony but roads are still broken," said Satya Kumar Malhotra, a resident of Model Town.

"The MCD has not relaid internal roads in 10-15 years. This is among the primary demands of people and something we intend to get to as soon as possible," Bharadwaj said, and also pointed out that stray cattle are a big nuisance in the city.

"You can see stray cattle roaming around in Kottla Mubarakpur, Alaknanda, GK, and several other places. People want stray animals inside shelters and it is part of the list of promises we have made to them," he added.

A simpler system for getting building permissions is also on the minds of many people.

"Most stories of corruption

about the MCD come from the building department. It is responsible for giving building permissions for both residential and commercial units. In the MCD's grievance redressal unit, most people complain about being made to run around for permissions. This is also going to be the biggest challenge for the incoming government. Several officers over the past two-three years have tried to deal with the problem of corruption in this department but nothing has changed," said a senior MCD official who did not want to be named.

"The building department is the most notorious. The process to get the building plans cleared and permission to build is full of loopholes. One cannot get the permissions without paying bribes. There have to be institutional, systemic changes here," said Bharadwaj.

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## Roads to monuments, a new Delhi to greet G20 delegates next yr

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RECARPETING KEY routes such as Mathura Road and the India Gate circle, sprucing up monuments with designer lights, and installing of paintings and statues at roundabouts — the national capital is set to get a mega makeover ahead of the G20 leaders' summit in September next year.

Senior officials told *The*

*Sunday Express* that since the summit is a national-level event, multiple agencies and departments under the Central and Delhi governments — Public Works Department (PWD), Delhi Jal Board, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Council, among others — will be required to work in synergy.

"The main focus will be on infrastructure, water, cleanliness, improvement of green cover,

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curbing air pollution, and maintenance of monuments. Delhi government departments like PWD look after major roads, water comes under the Delhi Jal Board... and so does the environment department. All these departments are working together to revamp Delhi," said an official.

As part of the beautification project, the PWD has been instructed to recarpet roads that will be frequently used by dignitaries — Mathura Road, the ITO-Bhairon Marg stretch, India Gate circle and roads leading up to Pragati Maidan. For this, the deadline is February.

PWD is also redeveloping an 8-km stretch from Dhaula Kuan to Indira Gandhi International Airport as diplomats will come via these roads. The department will also focus on beautification of these roads, as well as flyovers and bridges, with street art.

The NDMC, which looks after hotels and embassies in the Lutyens' Zone, has also begun preparations. "Pragati Maidan, the Lutyens' Zone and India Gate, where delegates will mostly be staying and travelling to, largely come under NDMC and PWD," said an official.

Besides this, all roundabouts and prominent locations will also sport sculptures such as Make in India lions, artefacts and paintings. "There are plans to revamp circles and roundabouts with segregated footpaths, pavements and crossing facilities. Decorative street lights and green belts with a variety of plants are also being developed to beautify the area."

The PWD is also planning to

develop green spaces and biodiversity zones on the sidewalks of Mathura Road. "There is space available on the road and the newly built underpasses. To give an aesthetic look, we are planning to plant seasonal plants and set up biodiversity zones," said an official.

Other plans include pedestrianisation of roads, waste management, travel and transportation arrangements, and setting up drinking water kiosks.

Officials said a meeting was held in this regard earlier this week and tenders will be floated soon for executing work on the ground. "The department is currently working on the estimates. Once it is ready, it will be sent for approval and tenders will be floated for development of roads," said officials.

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena also held several meetings recently with departments and officials concerned to take stock of preparations.

With the summit to be held on September 9-10, coinciding with the monsoon season, officials said focus will also be on tackling waterlogging, which is a perpetual problem and can become an embarrassment during the event. To this end, departments concerned have been directed to begin desilting and redeveloping drain lines.

Further, popular monuments including Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Humayun's Tomb will be decorated with designer lights. "These are the places that delegates and foreign dignitaries will be visiting. Streetlights, decorative lamps and other infrastructural developments will be our areas of focus," said an official.

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## DDA directed to allot alternative plot for land acquired in 1981

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Four decades after a man lost his plot of land in Kondli to a development project under the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the Delhi High Court has ordered the urban body to allot an alternative plot to his legal heirs. The HC came down heavily on the DDA for its apathy towards the man who not only lost his land but had also fought for 31 years until his death in 2011.

The deceased, Mr. Surjan, owned a plot of 32 bighas and 17 biswas in Kondli village, which was acquired by the DDA in 1981 under its 'Large-Scale Acquisition, Development and Disposal of Land in Delhi Scheme'. The scheme provided that each person would be offered three chances for allotment of an alternative plot, if the acquisition of his or her land had taken place prior to April 3, 1986.

In 1991, the Land and Building Department issued a letter to Mr. Surjan recommending an alternative plot of 200 sq. mt. in Rohini as per the 1961 scheme. A draw of lots was held, to consider his case, 11 years later, on March 27, 2002. The DDA did not specify any reason to explain this delay. However, as Rohini was far from Kondli, where Mr. Surjan resided, at his request, the offer was cancelled.

### Long wait

On August 24, 2004, the DDA issued a resolution where it decided that rather than three chances, only two should be given to the allottees of alternative plots. On the very next day, another draw of lots was held. This time as well, Mr. Surjan was provided a plot at Rohini, which he declined citing the same reason. Mr. Surjan was un-

aware of the resolution when he took this second chance. He received a communication in November 2006 in which he was informed that no further alternative housing arrangements would be granted to him. Even at this point, Mr. Surjan was not provided a copy of the resolution and kept in darkness about its implications. Following the letter, Mr. Surjan made various rounds of the DDA, but to no avail. In 2011, Mr. Surjan died, and was survived by his wife and two sons. His wife continued to communicate with the DDA. However, she too died in 2013.

Their sons then moved the HC in 2013, following which the court in 2019 ordered the DDA to forthwith allot them an alternative plot. The HC, then, additionally quashed the 2004 resolution which limited the number of chances for being considered for allotment of an alternative plot to two, instead of three.

In early 2022, the DDA moved an appeal against the 2019 decision of the HC saying it will open a 'Pandora's box' and lead to re-agitation of claims of other individuals as well. The DDA argued that the resolution was passed after careful consideration. On December 5, the HC ordered the DDA to allot an alternative plot of 200 sq. mt. to the sons. The court, however, set aside the 2019 decision to the extent that it quashed the 2004 resolution.

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## भास्कर खास • एमसीडी चुनाव में आम आदमी पार्टी ने कूड़े के तीन पहाड़ों को खत्म करने का वादा किया था कोर्ट के आदेश पर बनने है 7 लैंडफिल साइट, 2014 में आप ने इसका विरोध किया था, अब कूड़ा निस्तारण कैसे होगा

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दिल्ली की भलस्वा, ओखला और गाजीपुर लैंडफिल साइटों से कूड़ा निस्तारण के लिए साल 2014 में दिल्ली हाई कोर्ट ने सात लैंडफिल साइट बनाने का निर्देश दिया था। इसके लिए हाई कोर्ट ने एक कोर्ट कमेटी गठित की थी। कमेटी ने केंद्र सरकार व डीडीए को तीन लैंडफिल साइटों के कूड़ा निस्तारण के लिए 7 नई जगहों को चिन्हित करने के निर्देश दिए थे। हालांकि सरकार ने कुछ जगहों को चिन्हित किया था लेकिन स्थानीय लोगों अभी दो माह पहले नया लैंडफिल साइट बनाने के लिए आम आदमी पार्टी के भारी विरोध के कारण भाजपा शासित एमसीडी को लैंडफिल प्रोजेक्ट को गंदी राजनीति के कारण ठंडे बस्ते में डाल दिया गया। फिलहाल भी यह मामला लंबित पड़ा है। तीनों



लैंडफिल साइटों से कूड़ा निस्तारण की प्रक्रिया 2008 से चल रही है। लेकिन 14 साल बाद अभी तक कोई खास सफलता नहीं मिल पाई है।

वहीं विशेषज्ञों का मानना है कि आम आदमी पार्टी को केंद्र सरकार, दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) और स्थानीय लोगों की मदद के बिना कूड़े के पहाड़ों को खत्म करना बहुत मुश्किल साबित हो सकता है। इस संबंध में शहरी मामलों के विशेषज्ञ एवं एकीकृत दिल्ली नगर निगम की निर्माण समिति के अध्यक्ष रहे जगदीश ममगाई का

- प्रतिदिन करीब 10 से 11 हजार मीट्रिक टन कूड़ा होता है एकत्रित
- आने वाले समय में 20 हजार मीट्रिक टन तक पहुंचने का अनुमान
- भलस्वा लैंडफिल साइट 19.2 हेक्टेयर में है फैला
- ओखला लैंडफिल साइट का क्षेत्रफल 12.8 हेक्टेयर
- गाजीपुर लैंडफिल साइट 28 हजार हेक्टेयर में है फैला

कहना है कि बिना वैकल्पिक साइटों के कूड़े के पहाड़ों को खत्म करना काफी मुश्किल है। इसके लिए आप भाजपा को हाईकोर्ट के आदेश के बाद भी आंदोलन कर जिस लैंडफिल साइट को बनाने से रोका उसे भी पुरानी लैंड फिल साइट को खत्म करने के लिए नया लैंडफिल साइट बनाना होगा। ममगाई ने कहा कि एमसीडी की सत्ता में काबिज हुई आप को कूड़ा निस्तारण के लिए आर्थिक प्रबंधन, एक्शन प्लान, नया कूड़ा डालने का स्थान, लैंडफिल साइटों से निस्तारण के बाद बची

मिट्टी को डालने के लिए जगह की व्यवस्था करनी होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि एमसीडी नई साइट के लिए केंद्र व डीडीए को पैमेंट कर जमीन ले सकती है, लेकिन ऐसा होना मुश्किल नजर आ रहा है। दूसरी ओर एमसीडी के पास कोई बंजर या खाली पड़ी जमीन का उपयोग कर सकती है, लेकिन स्थानीय लोग इसका विरोध कर सकते हैं।

बता दें कि एमसीडी चुनाव संपन्न हो चुका है। इस बार चुनाव से पहले दिल्ली में कूड़े का पहाड़ एक बड़ा चुनावी मुद्दा बनकर उभरा था। अभी तक चुनावों में यमुना नदी को साफ बनाने का मुद्दा तो सभी राजनीतिक दल उठाते रहे हैं। लेकिन पहली बार एमसीडी चुनाव में आम आदमी पार्टी ने दिल्ली में कूड़े के तीन पहाड़ों को खत्म करने का वादा किया। मुख्यमंत्री अरविंद केजरीवाल ने इसकी गारंटी दी है।