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Delhi Development Act: Proposed amendments get mixed response

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New Delhi: The housing and urban affairs ministry has received mixed response to the proposed amendments to the Delhi Development Act. While developers and housing societies have supported the move for mandatory land pooling where a threshold of land has been pooled, others have flagged that such a move will result in more litigation and conflicts between farmers and landowners who are not willing to participate in the scheme.

They have suggested that the government should explore the possibility of relocating their land elsewhere within the identified sector or zone. Some of the respondents have raised the need to set up an expert committee to look into the legality and practicality of the total Land

Pooling Policy including for their time bound execution.

The government has proposed amendments to the Act to incorporate a provision on "mandatory land pooling", making it obligatory for all landowners to pool their properties once owners of 70% of the developable area in an identified sector have agreed to the move. It also proposes that the Centre would have the power to declare mandatory pooling even if this minimum threshold of 70% has not been achieved "to ensure time-bound planned development".

Urban planners have suggested that while amending the Act, the government must create a provision to have a member (planning) in the Delhi Development Authority in addition to member (engineering) and (finance).

3 teens drown in pit filled with rainwater in southeast Delhi

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New Delhi: Three boys drowned in a pit filled with rainwater in southeast Delhi's Tughlakabad on Thursday. The deceased were identified as Rishabh (16), Piyush (13) and Prithvik (15). They lived with their families in JJ Colony in Khanpur.

Police said they received a PCR call at 2.38 pm regarding the incident that took place at Kaya Maya Park. A team from the local police station reached the spot. One boy named Lucky told the cops that he, along with his seven other friends, came to take a bath in the park. "When they were busy taking bath, three of his friends went deep inside a pit and started drowning, and after some time, they disappeared into the water," police said.

After a search of about 30 minutes, all the three children were fished out of the water and sent to a hospital. They were declared dead. Rishabh was a Class XI student, whereas the other two deceased were students of class VIII and X, respectively.

Delhi Disaster Management Authority said that the park is so designed that a depression exists there. It turns into a natural pond if it rains. It was filled to around six feet recently, a DDMA official said.

Prithvik's father, Nijay Singh, said his son had turned 15 just two days before the incident. "In the afternoon, my son left home, saying that he was going outside to play with his friends. The pit was dug inside the park possibly to collect rainwater, and there was no caretaker," he claimed, adding that Prithvik went to save his friends but was trapped in the pit.

Rishabh's father, Azad Singh, who drives a cab, also said that his son had gone to the park with his friends.

This comes two days after six children, aged between eight and 13, drowned in a rainwater-filled pond in Gurgaon on Sunday.

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दीवाली से पहले ठीक हो जाएंगी स्ट्रीट लाइटें : कमलजीत

जासं, पश्चिमी दिल्ली : दीवाली रोशनी का त्योहार है। ऐसे में द्वारका बी वार्ड की सभी स्ट्रीट लाइटों को ठीक करने के लिए प्रयास शुरू कर दिए गए हैं। निगम के साथ मिलकर हमने पूरे इलाके का सर्वे किया है। इस दौरान 85 जगहों पर स्ट्रीट लाइटों के खराब होने की बात सामने आई है। अब इनको ठीक करने का कार्य किया जा रहा है। 20 अक्टूबर तक सभी लाइटों को ठीक कर दिया जाएगा। ये बातें पूर्व महापौर



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3 kids drown in a pit filled with rainwater at Tughlakabad park

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NEW DELHI: Three schoolchildren, aged between 13 and 16, drowned on Thursday while they were having a bath in a mud pit inside the waterlogged Kaya Maya park in the Tughlakabad area of southeast Delhi -- just days after a similar tragedy in Gurugram where six children died while playing in a waterlogged pit at a construction site.

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA)-run park is behind the Kaya Maya ayurvedic hospital, and stretches over 75 acres near the Adilabad fort. Police said the three children were residents of the nearby JJ colony in Tughlakabad.

Esha Pandey, the deputy commissioner of police (southeast), said police received a distress call at 2.38pm at the Pul Prahladpur police station about the incident.

"The police immediately rushed to the spot, where they met Lucky alias Love, a 16-year-old boy. The boy told the police that he, along with his friends, had come to have a bath in the rainwater in an open ground inside the park. When they were busy bathing, three of his friends went into a muddy side of the ground, and drowned," she said.

She further said that after recording Lucky's statement, police teams entered the water,



The pit was part of a rainwater-filled open ground at the Kaya Maya Park in Tughlakabad. ARVIND YADAV

and fished out the bodies of three children. They three were taken to the Majeedia Hospital in Hamdard Nagar, where they were declared "brought dead".

"The names of the deceased are Risabh, 16, of Class 11; Piyush, 13, of Class 8; and Piyush Baswal, 16, of Class 10," DCP Pandey said. They all studied at a government school in Tughlakabad.

A police officer, who visited the accident spot, said, "Because of the rain last week, in one muddy stretch of the park, rainwater had accumulated, making it look like a small pond. Some locals were using this waterlogged area to swim. The ground

beneath the waterlogged area where the children drowned is uneven. The point where the incident happened may be at least 5 feet in depth. We took help of some locals who entered the water to rescue the three."

Locals, however, claimed the pit was much deeper in some parts.

Baswal's father, Nije Singh Baswal, said that all the three boys were close friends.

"They grew up together. When Lucky (the teenager who called the police) first came to me to tell me what had happened, he was in trauma. By the time we reached the spot, my son

had drowned. I asked the people not to inform my wife yet -- she is keeping a fast for me today because of Karva Chauth, and has lost her son," he said.

Their neighbour Dinesh Singh, who accompanied Baswal to the AIIMS mortuary, where the autopsy was being conducted, said that the JJ Colony residents had opposed the digging of the pit in the park.

"But as the pit, which is up to 15 feet deep, was being dug on the whims and fancies of some local politicians, neither the municipal authorities nor police listened to our concern. I am sure those politicians will sur-

face in our area tomorrow, to announce some ex-gratia, to cover up their mistakes of digging the muddy graveyard of our children," he said angrily.

Locals said that, during the immersion of idols, or festivals such as Chhath Puja, they fill a stretch of the park with water for rituals. Fire officers said there is a stretch within the park where DDA has put up a warning urging locals not to swim.

Following the incident, DDA officials went to the park for an inspection. Police have also posted a guard to ensure that no one else enters the waterlogged area. A senior DDA official, who visited the park, said: "The pond is usually dry but gets flooded during the monsoon. The water level increased due to the rain this season. We put up boards informing people not to go near the pond because the water is 3-4 feet deep in some spots, and deeper in some others. Our guard was on a round in another corner of the park when the incident happened."

No case of negligence, or any other offence, has been registered so far.

Lucky, who had accompanied the three children, is not ready to accept that three of his friends are gone. "There were around 40-50 people in the water before my friends drowned," he said.

"As soon as they drowned, and police was called, they fled."