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## BJP woos slum dwellers with trip to EWS flats

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**New Delhi:** Promoting the allotment of 3,000-odd EWS flats recently as one of the biggest welfare schemes of PM Modi government, BJP has started taking slum dwellers from different parts of the city on a tour of the in situ redevelopment project in south Delhi's Kalkaji.

A senior BJP functionary said that the allotment of houses under Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makan scheme had brought a massive change in the lives of slum dwellers. "We are taking people from slum clusters of the city to Kalkaji flats to show them how their lives can also change with welfare schemes run by the Modi government," said a senior party functionary.

There are close to 650 slum clusters in the Capital with more than 5 lakh population. DDA has planned in situ slum rehabilitation projects in over 350 such clusters. Delhi BJP functionaries said the response from people who have visited the Kalkaji flats has been ecstatic. "The promise of the Prime Minister to provide a good and dignified life has come true in the form of these flats provided to them. As soon as BJP comes back to office in MCD, it

### ADESH GUPTA SAYS

**The promise of the PM to provide a good and dignified life has come true in the form of these flats provided to them. As soon as BJP retains MCD, it will try to provide flats to all the slum dwellers**

will try to provide flats to all the slum dwellers," Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta told reporters.

With less than a month to election, BJP has also intensified 'Har Ghar Sampark Abhiyan', its voter outreach programme. Senior party functionaries said BJP workers went to each of the 250 municipal wards on Sunday to connect with voters. "Apart from talking about BJP's work in MCD and Centre, we also talked about the failure of the Kejriwal government. The high pollution level this year has proved that AAP government has been incompetent. We also informed people about various scams AAP has been involved in," said a Delhi BJP functionary.

## मनमाने ढंग से निविदा प्रक्रिया को रद्द नहीं कर सकता डीडीए : हाई कोर्ट

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नीलामी की भूमि को प्रशासनिक कारणों से वापस लेने से जुड़े दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) के आदेश को चुनौती देने वाली याचिका पर दिल्ली हाई कोर्ट ने माना कि डीडीए मनमाने ढंग से किसी भी बोली को न तो अस्वीकार कर सकता है और न ही निविदा प्रक्रिया को रद्द कर सकता है। न्यायमूर्ति सचिन दत्ता की पीठ ने कहा कि डीडीए का निर्णय कारणों से तय होना चाहिए। निविदा शर्तों के तहत दिया गया अधिकार इन बुनियादी जरूरतों के अधीन है।

यार्क टेक प्रा. लि. नामक फर्म ने याचिका दायर कर कीर्ति नगर इलाके में प्रशासनिक कारण से एक भूखंड को नीलामी से वापस लेने के निर्णय को चुनौती दी थी। हालांकि, डीडीए ने कोर्ट को बताया कि भूखंड के आकार में भिन्नता के कारण इसे वापस करने को कहा गया था, क्योंकि इसकी नीलामी 400 वर्ग मीटर क्षेत्र के साथ की गई थी, पर वास्तविक क्षेत्र लगभग 330 वर्ग मीटर था। वहीं, याचिकाकर्ता फर्म ने तर्क दिया कि एक बार पत्र जारी होने और प्रतिवादी द्वारा याचिकाकर्ता की बोली स्वीकार करने के बाद बोली को अस्वीकार

नहीं किया जा सकता है। दलीलें सुनने के बाद कोर्ट ने कहा कि एक बार विचाराधीन बोली की स्पष्ट स्वीकृति होने के बाद डीडीए को बोली को अस्वीकार करने या नीलामी प्रक्रिया से भूखंड को वापस लेने की अनुमति देने का कोई अवसर नहीं हो सकता है। कोर्ट ने डीडीए के आदेश को रद्द करते हुए याचिकाकर्ता को मांग सह आवंटन आदेश जारी करने का आदेश दिया।

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## Municipal Polls: RWAs & Mkt Bodies Ready Their Wishlists Seek Sustainable Solutions For Sanitation, Other Problems

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**New Delhi:** With the capital heading for the municipal polls, the residents welfare associations (RWAs) and market bodies have asked parties to provide sustainable solutions for sanitation, waste management, building bylaws, parking management, zero tolerance on walkways, road conditions and vendor placement.

"The sustainable and progressive development is a must to meet the requirements in the changing scenario. For example, National Green Tribunal had banned withdrawing underground water through borewells, but the civic body has been unable to make alternative arrangements for supplying treated water in the majority of parks," said Atul Goyal, president of United Residents Joint Action (URJA), a residents' body.

Transparency and quality of work, he added, are other sectors where major reforms are required. "Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) may be fixing streetlights, roads, swings, but unless they survive for long, how can people notice the change?" Goyal asked. Using



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a majority of digital services, including the property tax portal, is also a challenge for common people due to glitches, especially during peak hours, Goyal pointed out. URJA plans to come out with a charter of demands prior to the December 4 elections.

Gurdeep Singh, a resident of Ordnance Apartments at Vikaspuri, said, "Unless the elected representatives understand the requirements of people, meet them regularly, involve them in the decision-making process and get the funds allocated for perennial issues, people won't come forward to vote for them." If roads are

dug up and streetlights are not working, the situation remains the same for months and even a year, he alleged. "It's high time that the candidates should reform themselves and make genuine efforts to mobilise resources for the welfare of people," Singh said.

The traders' associations claimed that they would vote for the party that would promise to roll back/revise the massive hike in health/trade licensing fees. Although many charges have been levied in an unjustified manner, no market has seen any development work in the past 10 years, they alleged.

Nitin Gupta, president of Kamla Nagar Traders Association, said traders had been paying four times higher property tax compared with 2004. "Add to it, conversion, parking development, waste management, advertisement and many other charges. Those who fail to pay are harassed through notices and warnings for punitive action. We demand complete reform in the system and rollback of unnecessarily hiked fees," said Gupta.

Crores of rupees have already been collected as conversion and parking charges, but markets in Delhi neither have parking facilities nor seen any development, he alleged. "The corporation always has the same excuse that it doesn't have funds. This is unjustified," he said.

Traders said all parties should clear their stand for the business community in their election manifestos, considering that nothing has been done for them in the past few years.

"We have already suffered a lot in the past few years due to sealing, pandemic and economic crisis. Majority of people whose shops were sealed in 2017-18 are yet to get any relief," said Vijay Israni of Green Park Market Association.

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## MCD polls: AAP to focus on garbage & beautification, Delhi BJP woos slum dwellers with trip to EWS flats

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**NEW DELHI:** As Delhi gears up for civic polls, BJP and AAP are set to lead a contentious fight for seats at the Capital's largest civic body. The State Election Commission recently announced that MCD elections will take place on December 4.

A senior official with AAP stated that the party wants to focus on issues of garbage and cleanliness in Delhi and wants to beautify the city as well. Several AAP leaders have made statements regarding the failure of BJP in the MCD, especially focusing on landfills. Calling out BJP for the 'moun-

tains of garbage', AAP supremo and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal had stated that "In the last 15 years, BJP has spread garbage all over Delhi, built huge mountains of garbage. This time on December 4, the people of Delhi will vote for the cleanliness of Delhi".

On the other hand, BJP who has been in the MCD for 3 terms, is going to put up a strong fight to ensure they retain power for another 5 years. Senior leaders from the BJP have made crucial appearances in important events in Delhi in the last few weeks, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah who was present for the

inauguration of waste to energy plant at Tehkhand.

During the event, Shah had stated that Delhi has to choose between "AAP-nirbhar or Atmanirbhar", he further stated that AAP displayed 'stepmotherly treatment' towards MCD since coming in to power. BJP Chief J.P. Nadda also attended events in Delhi and spoke against AAP in October.

Similarly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was seen in the Capital, inaugurating DDA's In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation Project under the 'Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makan' scheme at Kalkaji recently.

Delhi BJP President Adesh

Gupta commented on BJP's plans for civic polls, "As soon as BJP comes back to power in Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), it will try to provide flats to all the slum dwellers." Delhi BJP has also launched a website and a Whatsapp phone number for seeking suggestions for civic poll's manifestos.

"We are taking people from slum clusters of the city to watch how the Modi government is bringing change to their lives through its welfare schemes," said Delhi BJP vice president Sunil Yadav.

People living in around 700 slum clusters in the national capital constitute a significant

chunk of voters in the city.

The AAP has been able to create a strong support base among slum dwellers in the last one decade, evidenced by its back-to-back victories in Assembly polls.

"There are at least 2-3 slum clusters in each of the 270 wards in Delhi. We have deployed buses to take people there and see the well-built flats and other amenities at Kalkaji," Yadav said.

The 3,024 flats were allotted to people living at Bhoomi Camp in Kalkaji. The in-situ slum rehabilitation project is being undertaken in 376 jhuggi-jhopri clusters by Delhi Development Authority. DDA

has been constructing flats at three locations Kalkaji Extension, Jailorwala Bagh, and Kathputli Colony — to house the displaced. Delhi BJP leaders said there has been an enthusiastic response from the people so far who were taken to see the Kalkaji EWS flats.

Interacting with slum dwellers, Gupta said that the EWS flats in the multi-storey buildings in Kalkaji have ventilated kitchens, parks for children to play, lift, and 24-hour electricity and water supply.

Congress will also be part of the fight for seats in MCD, the party is looking to regain power in the MCD.

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### BJP touring slum dwellers to newly-built flats in Kalkaji

**NEW DELHI:** Ahead of MCD polls, Delhi BJP is taking slum dwellers from different parts of the city for a tour of 3,024 economically-weaker-section flats in Kalkaji area recently handed over to the allottees by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Keys of the flats built to rehabilitate slum dwellers under 'In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation' Project were handed over to the allottees under 'Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makan' scheme.

"We are taking people from slum clusters to watch how the Modi government is bringing change to their lives through its welfare schemes," said Delhi BJP vice president Sunil Yadav. "There are at least 2-3 slum clusters in each of 270 wards in Delhi. We have deployed buses to take people there and see the well-built flats and other amenities at Kalkaji," Yadav said. **SR**