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## आईपी एक्सटेंशन की सोसायटीज के लिए DDA ने रखी थी शर्त, उठ रहे सवाल सोसायटी के रीडिवेलपमेंट के लिए चार हेक्टेयर जगह की जरूरत नहीं: एक्सपर्ट

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दिल्ली में रीडिवेलपमेंट की बढ़ती जरूरत और मांग को देखते हुए एनबीटी की सीरीज 'घर वहीं, सूरत नई' के तहत आज आईपी एक्सटेंशन की बात:

■ विशेष संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली

आईपी एक्सटेंशन की को-ऑपरेटिव ग्रुप हाउसिंग सोसायटियों की तरफ से जब पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के तहत रीडिवेलपमेंट का प्लान सरकारी एजेंसियों को दिया गया, तो डीडीए ने इसे यह कहते हुए रिजेक्ट कर दिया कि इसके लिए चार हेक्टेयर जगह

की जरूरत है। यह आपके पास नहीं है। यह मामला 2010 से अघर में लटका हुआ है।

डीडीए के तब के वाइस चेयरमैन तरुण कपूर के समय में इस प्लान को आकर मिलने की उम्मीद थी। यस्ता निकलने से पहले उनका ट्रांसफर हो गया और अब यह मामला एक बार फिर अघर में है।

एक्सपर्ट के अनुसार, मास्टर प्लान-2021 में को-ऑपरेटिव ग्रुप हाउसिंग सोसायटियों को रीडिवेलपमेंट का पूरा अधिकार है। इस मास्टर प्लान में ऐसा कोई नियम नहीं है कि सोसायटियों को रीडिवेलपमेंट के लिए न्यूनतम चार हेक्टेयर की जगह चाहिए। डीडीए इस तरह की कोई शर्त लगा ही नहीं सकता।



ग्रुप हाउसिंग सोसायटियों के अनुसार, जो जगह डीडीए ने सोसायटियों को दी ही नहीं, वह इस तरह की शर्त कैसे रख सकती है?

### कैसे निकलेगा हल

एक्सपर्ट के अनुसार, इस मामले में लोगों को अधिक परेशानी न हो और उन्हें अधिकारी न भटकाएं, इसके लिए एलजी को एक रीडिवेलपमेंट कमिटी का गठन करना चाहिए। इस कमिटी में सभी जरूरी विभागों के अधिकारियों के साथ रिटायर अधिकारी, आरडब्ल्यूए के प्रतिनिधि, जनता के प्रतिनिधि शामिल होने चाहिए। जो सोसायटी रीडिवेलपमेंट चाहती है, वह इस कमिटी के पास जाएं। साथ ही लोगों की सुविधा के लिए यह कमिटी एक एसओपी भी तैयार करें। एक हेल्पलाइन नंबर भी जारी हो।

### चार हेक्टेयर जगह पर क्यों फंस गया प्लान?

डीडीए के अनुसार, अभी तक दिल्ली में किसी भी को-ऑपरेटिव सोसायटी को डीडीए ने चार हेक्टेयर की जगह अलॉट ही नहीं की है। ग्रुप हाउसिंग सोसायटियों के अनुसार, जो जगह डीडीए ने सोसायटियों को दी ही नहीं, वह इस तरह की शर्त कैसे रख सकती है? इस पर डीडीए का कहना है कि दो से तीन सोसायटियां मिलकर एक रीडिवेलपमेंट का प्लान तैयार कर सकती हैं। लोगों का तर्क है कि दो से तीन कोऑपरेटिव सोसायटियों को मिलाना आसान नहीं। हर सोसायटी की जरूरतें अलग हैं।

डीडीए के पूर्व प्लानिंग कमिश्नर एके जैन के अनुसार यह मामला ठीक वैसा ही है कि किसी तरह रीडिवेलपमेंट के काम में अड़चन लगाई जाए। रीडिवेलपमेंट के किसी भी प्लान में को-ऑपरेटिव सोसायटी के लिए इस तरह की शर्त नहीं है

कि उन्हें न्यूनतम 4 हेक्टेयर जगह की जरूरत हो। सोसायटी इस मामले में मौजूदा एलजी वीके सक्सेना से बात कर सकती है। इसके अलावा मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ अर्बन हाउसिंग

डिवेलपमेंट में भी जा सकती है। बल्कि रीडिवेलपमेंट की शुरुआत के लिए सोसायटियों की प्रक्रिया आसान है। वहां 70 प्रतिशत लोगों को अपने साथ लेकर रीडिवेलपमेंट के लिए आगे बढ़ा जा सकता है।

इंद्रप्रस्थ ग्रुप हाउसिंग सोसायटी महासंघ लिमिटेड के संस्थापक सुरेश बिदल का कहना है कि डीडीए हमारे रीडिवेलपमेंट के प्लान में रुकावट लगा रहा है। हमसे कहा जा रहा है कि आप दो से तीन सोसायटियों को मिलाकर एक रीडिवेलपमेंट प्लान तैयार कर लें। रीडिवेलपमेंट प्लान दिल्ली की कई मुश्किलों का अंत है। लिखित में कभी चार हेक्टेयर जगह की बात नहीं है।



अगर रीडिवेलपमेंट को लेकर मन में कोई सवाल है तो उनका जवाब भी हम एक्सपर्ट्स की मदद से देंगे। रीडिवेलपमेंट पर अपनी राय, सुझाव और सवाल आप ईमेल भी कर सकते हैं। अपना नाम, मोबाइल नंबर और अपने बारे में जरूरी जानकारी [nbtreader@timesgroup.com](mailto:nbtreader@timesgroup.com) पर भेज दें। सब्जेक्ट में Redevelopment जरूर लिखें।

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## Mosque razed, its keepers claim got no notice; DDA says illegal structure removed

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IMAM ZAKIR Hussain was getting ready for morning prayers early Tuesday when the police came knocking at his Mehrauli mosque. Children who live and study at the madrasa functioning from the premises were told to pack up and leave.

The Akhoondji Masjid and Behrul Uloom madrasa were, later, demolished by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on January 30. Locals claim the mosque was built during Razia Sultana's reign making the structure nearly 600-700 years old.

Though the premises had a mosque, madrasa and graveyard, the structure is not a notified heritage building. "We were barely given ten minutes to gather our things before the machines came and demolition started," said Hussain, the mosque's Imam for the last 15 years. He alleged the

authorities took away his phone, escorted him away from the site and cordoned it off, deploying CISF personnel along the perimeter; the rubble from the demolition was collected and disposed of almost immediately.

Shamstabrez Khan, whose wife Ishrattun Nisa was buried in the mosque's graveyard in August 2020, alleged that the graveyard too wasn't spared with her grave too being desecrated. "My wife died due to liver issues, and finding a graveyard was hard during the pandemic. This was the only place we could find a resting place for her despite living far away in Uttam Nagar," said Khan, (retired).

Parents of the children who lived in the madrasa were notified of the demolition only after it was done: Mohammad Sohail Sheikh arrived on Wednesday from Kashmir to meet his son only to find the madrasa gone and heavy police presence where it stood.

"I came to drop off some

clothes for my son because it's been so cold here lately but I couldn't find the madrasa," Sheikh said, tears brimming in his eyes. "I can't send my child to a fancy school or hostel so I sent him here instead," he said. Other students were sent to another madrasa nearby where they will stay for the time being.

DDA officials reasoned that the structure was in Sanjay Van, a reserved forest part of the Southern Ridge. As per the decision of Ridge Management Board, the ridge area should be free from all types of illegal encroachment, said DDA officials.

"Removal of illegal structures, religious in nature, was approved by the Religious Committee," the DDA said in a statement.

When *The Indian Express* asked about the alleged lack of prior notice to the mosque authorities, a DDA official said, "We have followed all due procedures."

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## Extreme cold fails to kill bright idea, tulip bulbs start blooming

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**New Delhi:** Despite the extreme cold, tulips have started to flower at the AIIMS roundabout after New Delhi Municipal Council had planted them at December-end. However, the bulbs, including of black tulips, planted on a 1.5-km stretch on Shanti Path in Chanakya-puri haven't shown signs of flowering fully yet. "We expect the full blooming of the tulips to start over the next 10 days," said Satish Upadhyay, vice-chairman of NDMC.

Besides Shanti Path, tulips have been planted in different design configurations at Talkatora Gardens, Ashoka Road, Lodhi Garden, Nehru Park, Windsor Place roundabout, vicinity of the Vice-President's Bungalow, 11 Murti and the NDMC headquarters. "Instead of planting the bulbs in two or three rows, we have set them in multiple rows and in different designs," said an NDMC official.

The civic body has planted white, yellow, red, pink, orange, purple, black and yellow-red tulips this year. "Despite the challenges associated with tulip cultivation, we have planted the bulbs successfully and there are no reports of bulbs being damaged by the chilly weather so far unlike last year," said Upadhyay.

NDMC stated that the pre-treated

and pre-programmed tulip bulbs can thrive in unpredictable weather conditions easily. "In addition to planting, we have also preserved 54,000 tulip bulbs from last year; 52,000 of them at the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology in Palampur for further research and the rest at NDMC's high-tech nursery at Lodhi Garden," said the official.

NDMC expects to use the Lodhi Garden bulbs next year. Those treated at the research centre will also be planted in

decent numbers next year. "The civic body is a pioneer in growing tulips in public areas, inspired by the garden at the Rashtrapati Bhawan," said an official. "The tulip project, initiated five years ago, is part of NDMC's ongoing effort to create a more beautiful capital city."

This year, three lakh tulip bulbs were imported from Holland, with one lakh designated for DDA and the remaining for public spaces across Lutyens' Delhi. Other seasonal flowers, such as salvia, petunia, antirrhinum and marigold, are also being planted in public areas.



**FEAST FOR EYES:** This year, three lakh tulip bulbs were imported from Holland

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## DDA targets handover of Jailorwala flats by mid-March

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**New Delhi:** The long-awaited Jailorwala Bagh housing project has been completed and eligible candidates from the neighbouring Ashok Vihar slum cluster will likely get possession of flats in March, according to Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

"The in-situ rehabilitation project will house 1,675 families and will be handed over to the beneficiaries by mid-March," said an official.

The official said possession of 1,078 flats will be given in Phase I. Verification and other processes for allotment of flats have been completed.

DDA had planned to give possession of the houses to

the allottees around Diwali. However, the work could not be completed within the timeline due to GRAP and other reasons, said the official.

Earlier, a DDA official had said that the authority had identified two more jhuggi clusters for allocation of the remaining flats. "Verification of beneficiaries' eligibility in these clusters, which are located within a 5km range, is under process. We will carry out a draw of lots to finalise the floors," he had said.

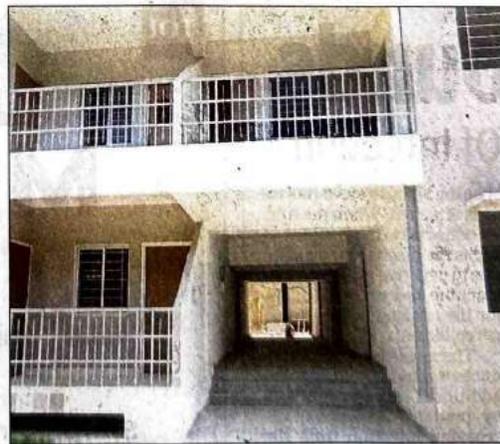
In July, DDA had established a facilitation centre on

the directions of the LG to guide allottees for demand-cum-allotment letters, biometrics, loans through financial institutions, and preparing and submitting their documents.

The total cost of construction incurred by DDA on the project is Rs 421.8 crore. Eligible beneficiaries have to pay Rs 1,71,000 — Rs 1,41,000 as beneficiary contribution and Rs 30,000 as maintenance charges for five years. Officials had earlier said that DDA had subsidised each flat by about Rs 24 lakh.

With a covered area of 400

**400**  
SQUARE FEET  
AREA COVERED BY  
EACH FLAT  
HAVING 2 ROOMS



**NASCENT AND NEAT**

square feet, each flat comprises two rooms, one kitchen, one bathroom, one toilet and a balcony. In Tower C, the authority has made provisions for facilities like community halls, shops, a classroom, a clinic and children's daycare centre. All towers have lifts.

A basement measuring 11,024sqm has been constructed for parking. There is also a provision of surface parking. Ample green spaces of over 9,000sqm have been provided on the site.

This is DDA's second in-situ rehabilitation project. In Nov 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated 3,024 EWS flats in Kalkaji for slum-dwellers.

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## MCD to set up integrated funeral facility for 3 faiths

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**NEW DELHI:** The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has initiated the development of a funeral complex in Rohini that will cater to Hindus, Muslims, and Christians — the Capital's first integrated facility for the last rites of three major religions — officials aware of the matter said on Wednesday.

The civic body has invited bids for the redevelopment and landscaping of a 10-acre ground at Rohini Sector 26, and has estimated that the complex will cost around Rs 5.7 crores to set up.

A senior MCD official said a detailed redevelopment plan has been finalised, and two separate bids have been invited for redevelopment work worth Rs 4.6 crore, adding that the three-way partitioned facility will host a modern crematorium with pollution control measures, along with separate burial grounds for Muslims and Christians which will have landscaping and air-conditioned waiting halls.

The area has been roughly divided, with three around 3

acres for each of the three sections. An additional Rs 1.12 crore will be spent on partition walls, pathways, drainage, and boundary walls. Two separate bids have been invited. The ground is expected to be redeveloped in 11 months," the official said, on condition of anonymity.

"The site selected for the complex was provided by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and was used for the cremation of those who succumbed to Covid complications during the second wave of the disease in 2021, when the burden on traditional cremation grounds had increased," the official added.

The new facility will also reduce the load on the Nigambodh Ghat and Punjabi Bagh crematoria, the official said. A second official said that the new funeral complex has been based on a cremation facility in Hyderabad.

"Teams from MCD's public health department visited the Banjara Hills cremation facility in Hyderabad... Based on learnings from Banjara Hills, we will develop the Rohini facility into a green area, where the funeral

pyre platforms will be located in various corners so that each family gets a separate secluded space to perform the final rites. At the existing crematoria, the pyre platforms are bundled up under one shed," the official said.

According to the Delhi government's annual birth and death registration report issued in December 2023, the Capital recorded 128,106 deaths last year, which translates to an average of 351 deaths per day. According to the report, 104,764 of the deaths were registered under the Hindu faith, 16,467 as Muslims, 3,690 as Sikhs, 781 as Christians, and the remaining 2,404 did not specify any religion.

The MCD public health department oversees operations at 49 wood-based cremation grounds, eight CNG-based cremation grounds, and one electric crematorium. The city also hosts 14 burial grounds (six for Muslims, five for infants, and three for Christians). Of these facilities, 38 cremation grounds and 11 burial grounds are run with the help of NGOs.

## चाहते हैं DDA का लग्जरी फ्लैट तो आज कर दें अप्लाई

■ विस, नई दिल्ली

डीडीए की फेस्टिवल स्पेशल लग्जरी फ्लैट्स की दूसरे चरण की स्कीम में आप अप्लाई करना चाहते हैं तो बिना देरी के आज यह काम कर दें। एक फरवरी की शाम छह बजे तक आप अपने आवेदन जमा कर सकते हैं। इसके बाद आपको ई-ऑक्शन में शामिल होने का मौका नहीं मिलेगा।

इस स्कीम में द्वारका सेक्टर-19बी में बने पेंटहाउस, सुपर एचआईजी, एचआईजी

के अलावा द्वारका सेक्टर-14 में बने एमआईजी फ्लैट भी शामिल है। आवेदन पूरा करने के लिए आवेदकों को ईएमडी भी जमा करवानी होगी। वहीं डीडीए ने इन्हीं

**स्कीम के लिए डिमांड लेटर कर सकते हैं अपलोड**

फ्लैट की पहले चरण की स्कीम के लिए डिमांड लेटर वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध करवा दिए हैं। सफल बोलीदाता यहां से अपने डिमांड लेटर डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं। इसके लिए आवेदक

को दिए गए लॉगइन से साइन-इन करना होगा, या फिर वह अपनी पैन-आईडी से भी लॉगइन कर सकते हैं।

दैनिक जागरण

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## बाढ़ पर एनजीटी ने केंद्र और दिल्ली सरकार से जवाब मांगा

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: यमुना बाढ़ क्षेत्र में अवैध निर्माण के कारण वर्ष-2023 में बाढ़ आने के आरोप पर नेशनल ग्रीन ट्रिब्यूनल (एनजीटी) ने केंद्रीय पर्यावरण मंत्रालय और केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्रालय और दिल्ली सरकार समेत अन्य से जवाब मांगा है। न्यायिक सदस्य न्यायमूर्ति सुधीर अग्रवाल, न्यायमूर्ति अरुण कुमार त्यागी और विशेषज्ञ सदस्य अफरोज अहमद की पीठ ने कहा कि एनजीटी ने पहले दिल्ली के मुख्य सचिव की अध्यक्षता में उच्च स्तरीय समिति का गठन कर स्थल का निरीक्षण करने, सीमांकन सुनिश्चित करने और उपाय सुझाने का निर्देश दिया था।

दिल्ली सरकार के पर्यावरण विभाग ने स्थिति रिपोर्ट पेश कर कहा कि कई बैठकों में तय निर्णयों को पूरा करने के लिए 12 सप्ताह के समय की जरूरत है। जिस पर



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एनजीटी ने अनुरोध को स्वीकार करते हुए जवाब दाखिल करने का निर्देश दिया। एनजीटी ने एक अखबार की रिपोर्ट पर स्वतः संज्ञान लेकर मामले में सुनवाई शुरू की थी। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार कजौराबाद से पल्ला तक 22 किलोमीटर के क्षेत्र में लगभग 76 अनधिकृत कालोनियों के साथ बाढ़ क्षेत्र पर बड़े पैमाने पर अतिक्रमण किया गया है। एनजीटी ने डीडीए, दिल्ली सरकार के पर्यावरण विभाग, केंद्रीय जल शक्ति मंत्रालय, राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ गंगा मिशन और निगम की समिति गठित कर रिपोर्ट दाखिल करने को कहा था।

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**Mehrauli mosque razed citing DDA's demolition drive**

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## DDA demolishes mosque in Mehrauli, cites drive against encroachments

The religious structure was believed to have been constructed over 500 years ago; cleric says no prior notice served; officials say Delhi government's Religious Committee consulted before action

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NEW DELHI

**T**he Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Tuesday carried out an "unannounced" demolition of a mosque in Mehrauli believed to have been constructed over 500 years ago, with officials citing the action as part of the agency's drive against encroachments.

Mosque cleric Md. Zakir Hussain alleged that the authorities did not serve prior notice and that they were told to vacate the mosque as early as 5.30 a.m. by a group of officials.

A madrasa was also being run from the mosque premises, where 15 of the 22 students of the theological school were staying.

Seminary tutor Md. Javed alleged, "They snatched our phones and asked us to step aside without even letting us pick up any of our belongings."

He also alleged that they were not even allowed to collect the children's books or the little money they had saved for them. The children were shifted to a nearby madrasa, he said.

Commenting on the action, a senior DDA official said the demolition was carried out following the Ridge Management Board's decision to remove all kinds



**VANISHED:** The Akhundji Mosque before its demolition (left); and the spot on its premises where graves of Sufi saints are located. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

of encroachment around Sanjay Van, a reserved forest in the southern part of the Ridge, an extension of the Aravali forest range in the national capital.

The Akhundji Mosque, which was being maintained by the Waqf Board, was situated at a spot between Sanjay Van and the Mehrauli Eidgah.

**Panel looked into issue**  
The DDA official said a panel, including the District Magistrate (South Delhi), DCP (South), and DDA's Director of Horticulture (North West), was formed to look into the issue of illegal structures.

"The panel found various illegal structures, including religious places, in the area. It suggested that all such structures be removed," said the official.

He added that the decision was taken following consultation with the Delhi government's Religious Committee on Saturday.

The demolition was carried out by the DDA's Horticulture Department, he said.

The mosque cleric said the officials immediately loaded the rubble on trucks and took it away.

Heritage walker Asif Khan Dehvi said the architecture and inner walls of

the religious structure suggested that it was constructed during the Delhi Sultanate period, which lasted from 1206 to 1526 AD.

### Graves of Sufi saints

According to Mr. Dehvi, the premises housed the graves of many Sufi saints, including that of Sheikh Jalaluddin. It has been a permanent part of the lives of those living nearby, he said.

Usama, an architect who used to visit the mosque frequently, also said that the mosque was integral to the lives of the Muslim community in the area for a long time. They have been left dejected, he added.