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**‘Delhi’s First Slum Festival’ on the occasion of World  
Homeless Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

**Date 08.10.2022**

- **Week long celebrations by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board towards sensitising the public about homelessness, recognising the contribution of homeless of Delhi and felicitating them.**
- **Delhi’s First Slum Festival being organised on 10.10.2022.**
- **Sh. Manish Sisodia, Hon’ble Dy. Chief Minister, Delhi to grace the occasion as Chief Guest.**

1. Since commencement of ‘World Homeless Day’ from 10.10.2010, it has been providing opportunity for educating people about homeless issues; identifying alternatives for policy-makers and measures which could be taken by individual as well as non-governmental levels in collaborative manner towards improvement of situation; recognising, celebrating and supporting good works and mobilising support from volunteers and thanking their contribution. Nevertheless, it is an accepted fact that overcoming the challenge of homelessness demands continuous and sustained efforts.

2. Towards this objective, DUSIB alongwith its partner voluntary organisations have resolved to work in focussed manner so as to draw attention to the needs of people who experience homelessness, recognise and celebrate their achievements, inspire those persons who are experiencing deprivation. ‘Delhi’s First Slum Festival, being organised on 10.10.2022, is an effort towards achieving this end.

3. Across all the DUSIB Shelters and Basti Vikas Kendras, focussed activities shall be conducted for a week [beginning 10.10.2022 to 16.10.2022] commencing from the World Homeless Day-2022. This will include activities such as medical camps, yoga / meditation classes, special drive on cleanliness and tidiness, tree plantation / gardening activities, camps in collaboration with concerned departments for issuing of Aadhar cards / Voter ID cards, sensitizing residents as well as general public towards the Fundamental Duties, based on which community participation can be mobilized towards betterment of lives of underprivileged, involving Philanthropists in shelter activities to meet some other essentials like clothes, blankets, essential medicines, nutrition food etc.

4. Separately, Delhi's First Slum Festival will be conducted on 10.10.2022 at Night Shelter Complex, Sarae Kale Khan, New Delhi-110013 from 1400 hrs. The gamut of activities will include:-

- Kabir Sandhya
- Wall of Fame for recognising academic achievements/talents of slum residents/homeless,
- Puppet show/ skit show / games / dances / live music/poem
- Screening of movies on slums/homelessness (i.e. Slumdog Millionaire, Jhund, Bombay Our City)
- Showcasing contribution of voluntary organisations working for homeless persons.
- Tree-plantation drive

4. Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister has consented to grace the '**Delhi's First Slum Festival**' on 10.10.2022 as the Chief Guest.

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