



## **Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi**

# ***Delhi's First Slum Festival***

**“हुनर की पुकार, दिल्ली आश्रय से बेघरों के जिंदगी में सुधार”**

**(Organized from 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2022 to 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2022)**

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### **Introduction**

1. Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, on the occasion of ‘World Homeless Day’ i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> October, hosted a first of its kind event titled – ‘*Delhi’s First Slum Festival*’ along with week-long focused activities (until 16.10.2022), commencing 10.10.2022.
2. Since commencement of ‘*World Homeless Day*’ from 10.10.2010, it has been providing opportunity for educating people about homelessness 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 remains an accepted fact that overcoming the challenge of homelessness demands continuous and sustained efforts.
3. Towards this, DUSIB alongwith its partner voluntary organisations (SPYM, Prayas, Akshay Patra, Ashraya Adhikhar Abhiyan, Sadik Masih, Sofia, Janpahal, Safe Approach, Rachana, IGSSS, Rotary Club, Arpana Society, Sewa Bharti, Viklang Sara Samiti and others) 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. The organising of ‘*Delhi’s First Slum Festival*’ on 10.10.2022 along with week-long activities at Night Shelters/Shelter Homes and Basti Vikas Kendras, was an effort towards achieving this end.
4. This was the first time that Delhi recognized ‘*World Homeless Day*’ and celebrated it with the homeless communities to highlight and mainstream homelessness as an issue. The festival aimed to spread awareness and foster dialogue on the issues of homelessness and its challenges, the needs of the homeless residents, recognise and celebrate their achievements and instill encouragement and joy within them. The events highlighted the success stories of the homeless in Delhi, who have achieved various accolades by overcoming a plethora of hurdles and barriers.

## Inaugural & Other Events on 10.10.2022

5. Shri Manish Sisodia, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister graced the inaugural event as the Chief Guest of the 'Delhi's First Slum Festival' on 10.10.2022 and addressed the gathering in the session from 05:30 PM – 06:25 PM at DUSIB Shelter Homes Cluster, Sarai Kale Khan, Near Metro Gate No. 2, New Delhi – 110013. He recognized the success stories of homeless in Delhi, who have achieved laurels and felicitated them for their individual success as well as their contribution to the society. While highlighting role of Delhi Govt towards providing electricity, education facilities, potable drinking water and health facilities towards residents of slum dwellers, he appreciated the role of DUSIB in providing platform for showcasing talents of the slum-dwellers/homeless people through '*Delhi's First Slum Festival*'.



**Events conducted on 10.10.2022**

6. Shri K Mahesh, CEO, DUSIB, shared about the ‘Delhi Model’ of homeless shelters and how Delhi has one of the world’s highest number of homeless shelters for a city. It has become a role model for many other states and cities across the world to emulate the developmental policies for homeless. He also recognized that while Delhi has a robust homeless shelter mechanism, there will be further steps that will be taken to improve the condition for homeless, according to their needs to improve their lives. The recognition of ‘World Homeless Day’ in Delhi is a step in that direction.

7. The other events conducted on 10.10.2022 included tree plantation drive, screening of feature films such as – ‘*Ghode Ko Jalebi Khilane Le Ja Riya Hoon*’ directed by Anamika Haksar, ‘*Slumdog Millionaire*’, ‘*Bombay-Our City*’, etc., dance, mimicry, poem recitals, skits – short plays by homeless children from Delhi shelters and dance by artists from Kathputli Colony. There were exhibits that were organized to showcase the painting competition entries by homeless children, ‘Hall of Fame’ of achievers from homeless community and stalls by different NGOs/CSOs that showcased their work with the homeless. The evening concluded with ‘*Kabir Gayan*’ by Malwa artist Kaluram Bamaniya and his troupe. The event focused on the homeless achievers who shared their struggles, experiences and success.

## **Week Long Activities at Shelter Homes**

8. After the inaugural Event, week-long activities commenced in select Shelter Homes (activity details are at Annexure-‘A’) and some of the Basti Vikas Kendras (activity details at Annexure-‘B’) managed by DUISB and partner NGOs. The agencies prepared their respective action plans highlighting the various enriching activities that would be conducted in all the home shelters. These activities focused on enhancing the awareness of the homeless residents as well as providing them with sources of recreation. The activities undertaken as part of the slum festival are mentioned below.

### **Yoga and Meditation**

9. Yoga and meditation sessions were held in the Shelter Homes and Basti Vikas Kendras to enhance the physical, spiritual and mental health of the residents. These sessions were mostly conducted early in the morning to kickstart the day with zeal, enthusiasm and positivity. The residents were told about the benefits of yoga and mediation and how it can contribute towards

their well-being and finding inner peace. They were even guided on various yoga poses and meditation techniques.



***Yoga / Meditation organized at Night Shelters Sector 22, Rohini on 14.10.2022***



***Yoga / Meditation programme held at Moujiwala Bagh BVK, Jhandewalan on 14.10.2022***



***Yoga/ Meditation programme held at Kalender Colony BVK, Dilshad Garden on 13.10.2022***

## **Movie Screening**

10. Movies like ‘Slumdog Millionaire’, ‘Padman’, ‘Udta Punjab’, ‘Jhund’ and ‘Chak de India’ were screened for the residents. These movies not only acted as a source of entertainment for the residents but also carried strong social messages which helped the homeless residents develop a deeper understanding towards social issues and problems.



*Movies with social messages screened at Shelter Homes*

### **Cleanliness and Plantation Drive**

11. Cleanliness drives were conducted and saplings were planted in all the shelter homes and Basti Vikas Kendras in order to contribute towards the environment and enrich mother nature. The drives focused on the importance of protecting nature and striving towards a cleaner and greener environment for all mankind.



*Cleanliness drive at Basti Vikas Kendra Sanjay Camp, Gokul Puri on 15.10.2022*



*Tree Plantation at BVK, Dairy No. 03, Timarpur, Lucknow Road on 13.10.2022*

## **Food Safety and Hygiene**

12. The sessions on food safety and hygiene focused on the importance of eating hygienic food and practicing healthy eating habits for a healthy body. The residents were taught about the various hygienic practices to be followed before as well as after eating such as washing hands properly, washing fruits and vegetables before consumption etc.



## **Painting Competition**

13. The drawing and painting competitions were filled with fun and joy. These sessions brought out the hidden creativity and talent of the residents and helped them express their inner feelings and thoughts in the form of art.



***Painting Competitions organised at Shelter Homes***



***Drawing and Painting Competition at BVK at GP Block, Pitampura on 16.10.2022***

### **Drug Awareness**

14. The sessions on drug awareness were one of the most crucial sessions. These sessions focused on how drugs can affect a person's life and hamper their physical as well as emotional well-being. The various repercussions of being a drug addict were discussed and how it can even ruin families, friendships, work life and render people helpless.



### **Indoor and Outdoor Games**

15. Indoor and outdoor games like carrom, hula hoop, skipping, karate, cricket, etc were organised in shelter homes so as to contribute towards the homeless residents' physical fitness. Apart from contributing to their fitness, these games also acted as a source of recreation for them and brought wide smiles in their faces with everyone playing in unison.



*Activities conducted at shelter-homes or involving residents of shelter homes*



*Outdoor activity at BVK Vijay Camp Malviya Nagar on 16.10.2022*

### **Dance Activity**

16. The dance sessions were filled with laughter and positivity. These sessions helped the residents enjoy and forget about the problems and hurdles they go through on a daily basis.



## **Health Camp and HIV Check-Up**

17. Health camps were organized within Shelter Homes as well as Basti Vikas Kendras in order to provide free medical check-up to the residents. HIV rapid test was also done.



*HIV Test Camp conducted*



*Health Camp at BVK Indira Gandhi Camp, Site – II Srinivasapuri on 14.10.2022*



*Health Camp held at Basti Vikas Kendra Keshav Puram on 15.10.2022*

## **Bhajan Sandhya**

18. This unique activity was conducted by **Sofia NGO** in a few Shelter Homes. In the Bhajan Sandhya various bhajans were sung devoted to the almighty and even the tabla was played. This provided a sense of calm and inner peace to the residents. Also, prayer session was held on 15.10.2022 at Basti Vikas Kendra Janak Zila Shankar Garden B Block Vikas Puri.



*Bhajan Sandhya at Night Shelter*



*Prayer session held on 15.10.2022 at Basti Vikas Kendra  
Janak Zila Shankar Garden B Block Vikas Puri*

### **Opening of Children's Bank Account**

19. The unique and commendable activity of opening children's bank account was taken up by **Safe Approach**. This will help the children build a corpus of funds for their future and also help them manage the money they have with them.



### **Visit by The Print**

20. The Print, a media platform, visited **SPYM's Sarai Kale Khan** home shelter and interviewed the homeless residents. This provided space to the homeless to speak about their opinions, personal life and open about their experiences. Through the print media, the stories of

the homeless will reach a wider audience and thus enhance people's awareness towards the issue of homelessness.



#### **Sensitization Programme on “Fundamental Duties of Citizens”**

21. Sensitization Programmes were conducted by Prayas and Safe Approach in their homeless shelters where the topic of focus was “Fundamental Duties of Citizens” as enshrined in the Constitution of India. This session enhanced the awareness of the homeless residents about the Fundamental Duties that the citizens of India must abide and how everyone can contribute towards nation-building by abiding by the rules and carrying out the duties set forth by the constitution.



### **Session on Good Touch and Bad Touch**

22. The session on good touch and bad touch was conducted by Sofia NGO. The session focused on first differentiating between the words “good” and “bad”. Then it focused on explaining the meaning of touch. In the session the connotations of “good touch” and “bad touch” were discussed. The homeless were always taught to differentiate between the two through the help of examples, narrations, videos and other such activities.



### **Sensitization Programme for Young Voters on their Right to Vote and Adult Suffrage**

23. Prayas conducted a sensitization programme for the young voters of the homeless residents on their right to vote and adult suffrage. The Right to Vote is guaranteed by the Constitution of India under Article 326 of the Indian Constitution. Voting rights are guaranteed to every citizen of India under the concept of ‘Universal Suffrage’.



## **Organising of Skill Development Programmes at Basti Vikas Kendras (BVKs)**

24. Skills programme such as Mehndi session, Computer Training, Cutting & tailoring and various activities were organized in the Basti Vikas Kendras to bring out their inner hidden talents to the forefront is commendable and praiseworthy.



*Mehndi session at Basti Vikas Kendra Dwarka  
on 14.10.2022*



*Computer Training at Basti Vikas Kendra  
Sudhar Camp Kalkaji 14.10.2022*



*Cutting and Tailoring at Basti Vikas Kendra Indira Vikas Colony on 14.10.2022*

### **Organising of Special Camps at Basti Vikas Kendras (BVKs)**

25. Free Camps were organized at Basti Vikas Kendras for making correction, alteration, rectification etc. in the Ration Card, Aadhar Card and PAN Card etc. for the homeless residents of the basti.



*Camp Organised at Basti Vikas Kendra at Kalander Colony, Dilshad Garden on 14.10.2022*

### **Distribution of Clothes/Gifts at Basti Vikas Kendras**

26. Clothes and Gifts were distributed at Basti Vikas Kendras at Road No.26, Haiderpur and Keshavpuram, among the homeless residents living around the Basti Vikas Kendras.



*Basti Vikas Kendras at Road No.26, Haiderpur on 16.10.2022*



*Gift distributed on 16.10.2022 at Basti Vikas Kendra Keshavpuram*

## **Conclusion**

27. The ‘Delhi’s First Slum Festival’ was filled with pomp and enthusiasm. The willingness of the homeless residents to take part in the various activities and bring out their inner hidden talents to the forefront is commendable and praiseworthy. Their eagerness to learn new skill-set and be jovial amidst all the social stigma surrounding them acts as an inspiration for others to not give up and stay hopeful even in the dire and most difficult times. The organising of ‘Delhi’s First Slum Festival’ on the occasion of ‘World Homeless Day’ was an effort to make an enriching impact on the homeless residents of Delhi and it is expected that more such events planned for the homeless which add colors to their life.

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**Annexure-'A'**

**Activities conducted by Shelter Management Agencies at different Night Shelters**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
SMA/NGO	10.10.22	11.10.2022	12.10.2022	13.10.2022	14.10.2022	15.10.22	16.12.22
Janpahal	Cluster 6 all shelters: Yoga session (7:00 am)  Sector 3, Phase 3, Dwarka: Film screening (10:00 am)	Uttam Nagar East: Cleaning drive and awareness session (10:00 am)  Dwarka Sector 3: Film Screening (2 pm)	Dwarka Sector 3, Cluster 6: Yoga session (2 pm)	Dwarka Sector 3: Yoga Session with children (9 am)  Nilothi, Janakpuri: Awareness on Food Safety and Hygiene (3 pm onwards)	Cluster 6: Yoga session (10 am), Awareness on food safety and hygiene, Movie screening (1 pm)	Cluster 6: Yoga and Meditation (8:30 am), Awareness on food safety and hygiene (3 pm)  Goyala Dairy: Film Screening (6 pm)	Cluster 6: Yoga and Meditation (11:30 am)  NS 112, Vikaspuri Fish Market Nilothi, NS 93 Beriwala Bagh: Plantation drive (11:30 am)  NS 195 Cluster 6 Dwarka: Painting session (12:30 pm)
SPYM	All SMA: Meditation Session (7:00 am to 8 :00 am)  Sarai Kalekhan: Plantation Drive (10 am to 11 am), Drug Awareness Session ( 2 pm to 3 pm), Indoor and Outdoor games (2 pm to 4 pm), Drawing and painting session (3 pm to 4 pm), Dance or roleplay (4 pm to 5 pm) Delhi Gate, Bhikaji, Sarai Kalekhan: Film screening (3 pm to 5 pm)	Vasant Vihar (1 pm), Modimill Okhla (3 pm): Film Screening Slumdog Millionaire	Modimill Okhla: Yoga and Meditation (7 am)  Sarai Kalekhan: Plantation Drive (11:30 am)  Dakshinpuri: Drug Awareness session and Film Screening (5:30 pm)  Munirka: Painting competition (5:30 pm)	Bangla Sahib: Plantation Drive (12 pm)  Bhikaji: Drawing and Painting (1:30 pm), Plantation drive (4 pm)  Munirka, Fatehpuri: Drug Awareness Program (1 pm)	Bhikaji: Drug awareness (11 am), Dance (4 pm), Karate (5:30 pm)  Nizamuddin: Drug awareness (5:30 pm)  Dangal Maidan: Drug awareness (5:30 pm)  Vasant Vihar, Munirka: Indoor games (5:30 pm)	Sarai Kale Khan: Visit by The Print (1:30 pm)  Jama Masjid: Film screening, Drug awareness session (3 pm onwards)  Vasant Vihar: Dance activities ( 3:30 pm), Drug awareness (7 pm)  Modil mill: Drawing session (3:30 pm)  Lahori Gate: Drug Awareness (3:30 pm)	Jama Masjid: Drawing and Painting (11 am), Drug Awareness (12 pm), Movie Screening (3 pm)  Bhikaji and Munirka: Yoga session (11:30 am)  Bhikaji: Indoor and outdoor games (3:30 pm)

Rachna	Dandi Park, Chabi Ganj: Film screening (10 am)		Phool Mandi: Film screening (10 am), Food security (2 pm), drug awareness (4 pm)	Phool Mandi: Food safety (2 pm), drug awareness (4 pm)	Cluster 9 Dandi Park: Plantation drive, Drug Awareness (10 am)	Dandi Park Cluster 9, Gol Chakkar Mori Gate: Yoga session (3 pm onwards)	Cluster 5: Yoga session (11:30 am)
Sadik Masih	NS 141 Ramlila Ground: Plantation drive (11 am)	-	NS 132 Shastri Park: Yoga session (8 am)	NS 202 Usmanpur: Yoga session (8 am)	NS 201 Shastri Park: Movie screening (3:30 pm)  NS 125 Mansarovar Park: Yoga session (8 am)  NS 214 Anand Vihar: Plantation drive (11 am)	-	-
Safe Approach	-	Code No. 13, 88, 179 and 247: Yoga and Meditation	Code No. 16, 32, 13 and 138: Yoga and Meditation	Rohani Kali Mata Mandir Code 238, 13, 14, 29, 30: Yoga Session (11 am)	Code No. 14 ,32 ,138, 179, 193, 238: Yoga session (9 am onwards), Yoga session (4 pm)	Code 128 Sant Nagar: Opening of Children's Bank Account, Self-care (5:30 pm)	Code No. 13, 179: Awareness session on Fundamental Rights and Duties (7 pm)
Sofia	Cluster 7 all shelters: Screening of Slumdog Millionaire (11:00 am onwards)  Yoga session (7:00 to 8:00 am)	Cluster 7 all shelters: Yoga session (7 to 8 am)	Cluster 7: Carrom Competition and Kids Interaction (9 am)  Tilak Nagar: Yoga Session (9 am), Plantation Drive (2 pm)  Raja Garden: Plantation Drive (4 pm)  Brittania Chowk: Plantation	HMP Khayala: HIV Check-up (10 pm)	Raja Garden: Yoga Session (9:30 am)	HMP Khayal: Cleanliness Drive, Awareness Session (8 am),  Tilak Nagar: Bhajan Sandhya (8 am)	Raja Garden: Session on Good Touch or Bad Touch (2 pm)  Raghbir Nagar: Yoga, Cleanliness drive (2:30 pm)

			Drive (5:30 pm)				
Prayas	Cluster 12: Booster Dose (Immunization), Cleanliness drive, Painting workshop	Cluster 12: Yoga and Film Screening (7 pm)	NS 95,111, 145, 130, 131, 204: Plantation Drive (4:20 to 6:30 pm)	NS 197 Geeta Colony Cluster 12: Health Camp  NS 69,111: Movie Screening of Slumdog Millionaire (10 pm)		NS 69, 95, 130, 204, 196: Sensitization Programme on Fundamental Duties of Citizens, Sensitization Programme for Young Voters on their Right to Vote and Adult Suffrage (11:30 am)  NS 130,145: Cleanliness Drive (11:30 am)	NS 130: Sensitization Programme on Fundamental Duties of Citizens, Sensitization Programme for Young Voters on their Right to Vote and Adult Suffrage (11:30 am)

**Annexure-'B'**

**Activities conducted by Organization at different BVK**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
SMA/NGO	10.10.22	11.10.2022	12.10.2022	13.10.2022	14.10.2022	15.10.22	16.12.22
ROTARY CLUB	-	-	-	Balvadi Closed	Yoga/ Exercise (Daily routine) 11.00 am Medical Camp 11.30 AM Awareness session of Cleanliness & Hygiene Diwali Celebrations with Tiny-Tots (distributions of essentials, sweets and food/goodies bag)	Yoga/ Exercise (Daily routine)	Balvadi Closed
ARPANA TRUST	-	-	-	Plantation Drive.	Yoga Camp. Awareness camp to sensitize people towards the plight of homeless persons. Ration Distribution.	Centre closed.	Centre Closed.
SEWA BHARATI	-	-	-	BVK JanakPuri and sector-20 Rohini : Yoga activities BVK Nangloi, Cutting and Tailoring Session.	BVK Indra Vikash Colony Cutting and Tailoring Session.  BVK Moti Nagar, Shankar Garden, Kirti Nagar, Rakhi Market ,Todapur, Camp No. 2 Nangloi and Mukharjee Nagar : Pledge regarding Fundamental Duties. Yoga session Todapur and Karol Bagh  Basti Vikas Kendra Dwarka: Mehndi session	BVK Keshav Puram, Mayapuri covid vaccination camp BVK Sarashwati Vihar Pledge  BVK East Punjabi Bagh, Plantation.BVK MotiNagar, G.P. Block-PitamPura Yamuna Vihar and Gokulpuri Sanitation.  BVK Indra Vikash,Gokul Puri and Mayur Vihar Colony Cutting and Tailoring Session.	BVK K-Block Jahangir Puri,BVK 17 Block, KalyanPuri 32 Block TrilokPuri, Medical Camp,BVK Malviya Nagar, Sports activities

						BVK 32 Block, TrilokPuri Beautician Course	
VIKLANG SARA SAMITI , G-BLOCK ,MANGOL PURI	-	-	-	-	BVK Yoga Session Disability awareness Course., Sanitation		