



GREEN MANIFESTO

DELHI STATE ELECTIONS 2020

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NOTE

- The idea behind this manifesto was to bring out the views, expectations and suggestions of Delhiites and also to appraise the prospective candidates and political parties about the same since the elections for Delhi State Assembly have been announced.
- Delhi is facing the worst Air Pollution and it is necessary that the ensuing Government takes steps to address the environmental concerns.
- We tried to cover the major issues faced by Delhi.
- We thank all respondents for their valuable suggestions
- We expect that the political parties adopt these suggestions for the welfare of citizens of Delhi.

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This manifesto is the first of its kind, compiled by GREEN CIRCLE & NEW DELHI NATURE SOCIETY from the views and expectations of people who responded willingly.

CITY FORESTS

- Develop City forests and biodiversity park instead of artificial theme parks and amusement parks.
- No construction or encroachment should be allowed in the forest areas including building of pukka roads.
- Develop/reinstate the green cover on the existing areas by strict monitoring of the NGT rules,
- Conservation of natural ecosystem.
- All Co-op Societies can embark on the theme of Miyawaki forest on the buffer patches.
- The definitions of Tree Cover and Forest cover must be revised.
- Strict ban on conversion of listed areas of forest cover.
- Stop felling/transplantation of the trees under the guise of development.

TREE CARE

- Blanket ban on tree felling.
- Target oriented new tree plantation.
- The protection and maintenance of existing trees must be made priority by filling up the deficit posts of Forest officials
- Handover small parks to NGOs and enable them to manage by funding.
- Increase the tree cover with native species of Delhi NCR by another 5%.
- Trees across Delhi must be de-choked and given the requisite 1 meter radius of soil.
- GPS enabled App to count trees and all trees must be numbered.
- All trees must be covered under tree census and this information should be uploaded on an exclusive website.
- Implementation of DPTA must be made stringent in respect to unsupervised pruning.
- Nailing and tying wires on trees to be heavily penalised.
- Start quick response team to save trees.

AIR POLLUTION

- Undertake Surface Cleaning, Air Cleaning,
- Shift major offices from Delhi to an open area in nearby states.
- AQI should be monitored and kept at safe level according to GRAP norms.
- Landfills should be shifted to barren land away from the city.
- Factories should be given targets to reduce emission of Green House Gases to achieve Paris agreement.
- Encouragement of industry to cut carbon emission.
- Investment in clean technology and training of personnel.
- Allocate more money to cut emissions through subsidy/rebate.
- Periodical pollution audit on the factories and industries to check pollution.

ANIMAL SAFETY

- More Govt veterinary hospitals should be there in the local areas,
- Stray animals should be protected and cared for.
- Wildlife must be well protected including their habitat.
- Wildlife department should inspect the trees for nests so they are not disturbed.
- Strict and quick action against animal cruelty.

ENFORCEMENT

- Officials must be made accountable for environmental targets.
- Strict implementation of single use plastic ban.
- Green laws should be implemented in letter and spirit.

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ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

- Inclusion of practical sessions and habitat study in the curriculum.
- Students to get additional marks for better environmental practices.
- Include environment as a mandatory subject in school curriculum for all ages.
- Schools to compulsory allocate one period in each class every week for environment education.
- Practical initiative/field visit by students every 6 months.
- Therefore, in this way, nearly every week/month, students can be involved in activities. (except) Jan- March, exam months.

ECO-FRIENDLY LIVING

- Eco-friendly pencils and other stationery need to be subsidised and encouraged in functions, schools and public offices.
- Eatable utensils and other Eco-friendly products must be GST exempted and also subsidised.
- Tax exemptions for restaurants and hotels for promoting Eco-friendly products.
- More emphasis to be given to recycled products.
- Govt. should teach people how to make recycle products at home.
- Eco-friendly products must be cheaper and easily available for the people.

NOISE POLLUTION

- Ban honking at red lights.
- Ban blaring music from rooftop / restaurants.

CRACKERS

- Ban all kinds of fire crackers on all occasions.
- Stringent penalties for sellers/users of crackers.

ROAD TRANSPORTATION

- Pollution monitoring of all states registered motor vehicles in capital.
- Old CNG kits should be checked or removed.
- Development and Enhancement of public transportation.
- Concessions for people travelling using public transportation.
- Last mile connectivity must be ensured to encourage people to use public transportation.
- Steps to improve use of cycles and other non-polluting transport.
- Cycles paths and footpaths should have proper continuous native tree cover.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- There should be good quality maintenance of roads, pavements etc. so that construction waste generated in frequent repairs is reduced.
- Phase out fossil fuels (promote electric transport)

PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

- Facilitation of eco-friendly life by affordable green homes and new green jobs.
- NGOs should be involved and allowed use of community centre to create awareness of all schemes for protecting environment.
- Participation of public in formulation of implementable schemes.
- Honorary green guardians/ Eco-warriors must be constituted/trained to guide RWAs on tree protection laws.
- Tree census and tree care.
- Local environment task force teams to work in close collaboration with municipal department to ensure plastic free environment.
- People who report environment crimes should receive monetary incentives.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Promote reuse/recycle green technologies. (like green plastic waste etc.)
- Modernise waste/sewage treatment.
- New technologies must be explored for turning waste into useful products like tiles for footpaths.
- Cleaning and maintenance of the sewer lines and storm drains.
- Community composting of wet waste in MCD & DDA parks.
- Strict enforcement of Solid Waste Rules 2016 for Segregation at source.
- Zero tolerance/full compliance - ban on single use plastics.
- Identifying and closing single use plastic manufacturing unit/activities.
- Subsidise alternate environment friendly packing products.
- Tax rebate to manufacturers for giving up single use plastic production.
- Plastic waste must only reach to recycling centres.
- Garbage burning must be quickly reported and fire must be extinguished on SOS basis.
- Help lines and toll free numbers must be developed.
- Increase fire stations so as to reach garbage burning locations faster.
- Cleanliness of vacant plots of DDA, MCD to prevent fires. (The rubbish left on the roads after bhandaaras, etc.)
- Disposable items thrown by any person in public places should be fined heavily.
- Unused medicines and hazardous medical wastes should be discarded separately.
- Issue of directives to chemists not to insist customers to purchase the complete strip of tablets.
- Stop stubble burning (Parali) replace with modern technology that doesn't cause pollution.
- Inter State Enforcement body to check stubble burning.

WATER

- All parks to be provided STPs for using untreated water.
- Reducing consumption of ground water.
- Make rain water harvesting at public establishments mandatory.
- Revive drying water bodies and undertake cleaning of water bodies.
- Water body rejuvenation using natural STP process.

POPULATION CONTROL

- Migration inward to the city must be checked.
- Affordable Metro Connectivity will reduce settlements in unauthorised colonies.
- Women education for Small family norms , disincentive for second child, education on contraceptives must be in place

NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY

- Assistance for energy efficient homes.
- Encourage solar/wind energy panels.
- Installation to be more affordable.
- Provide green incentives on house tax for use of solar.
- Solarize all government buildings.

PUBLIC TOILET

- Many modern public toilets were built but are lying unused due to electricity connection, water and sewage connection, must be made usable.

GREEN TAX

- Higher green tax on the owners for second or more automobile ownership.
- Cess in IT Slabs for car users.
- Exemptions /Rebate for using metro/buses in Income tax accounted in smart cards.

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