

Kejriwal's politics made city air, water poisonous: BJP leaders on Yamuna pollution

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As Delhi grapples with rising air pollution and toxic foam has been visible on the Yamuna River, several BJP leaders reached Yamuna bank on Saturday and launched a blistering attack against the Aam Aadmi Party saying that it is the poisonous politics of Arvind Kejriwal that has made the water and air in the national capital poisonous. The BJP also sought details about how the government spent Rs 1,000 crores collected as pollution cess.

Atishi's government in Delhi has been making claims about pollution control preparations for the past month. Environment Minister Gopal Rai has also been promoting efforts to reduce air and water pollution, but the rising AQI

levels and the foam in the Yamuna over the past 48 hours have exposed the reality of the Kejriwal -Atishi, BJP said after union minister and East Delhi MP Harsh Malhotra visited Kalindi Kunj on Saturday and revealed the truth behind the thick white layer of foam floating on the Yamuna river.

He remarked that the white foam on the water's surface is proof that, despite a decade of promises from Arvind Kejriwal and now Atishi, ground reality remains unchanged. Even when crores of rupees have been allocated by the central government for Yamuna's cleaning, the Kejriwal government has remained stuck in blame games, he said.

BJP spokesperson and environmental expert Dr.



Anil Gupta, local councillor Brahm Singh, and several other officials, along with local residents severely affected by the pollution, were present at the event.

Malhotra criticized the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), stating that since 2013, the party has repeatedly raised the issue of Yamuna pollution and promised to take a holy dip in the river with citizens after cleaning it. However, the reality today is that standing by the river bank invites several health risks. He questioned the

government's accountability for the Rs 1,000 crores collected as pollution cess, intended to tackle pollution and clean the Yamuna. Neither the Kejriwal government nor Atishi's current administration has provided any details on the use of these funds, Malhotra claimed.

He also criticized the AAP government for opposing serious Yamuna cleanup efforts. Malhotra accused AAP of endangering public health by misleading citizens.

Despite promises, sewage treatment plants (STPs) have not been installed at 18 major drains and 32 smaller drains flowing into the Yamuna. "The funds provided by the central government were used only for advertisements and self-promotion," Malhotra

alleged. He further added, "The Kejriwal government's vision of a clean Delhi exists only on hoardings and posters. The reality is evident today as we stand at the banks of the Yamuna in Kalindi Kunj."

BJP spokesperson Shahzad Poonawala also slammed the Kejriwal government saying, now they will blame Uttar Pradesh and Haryana governments. The question that arises is why has Delhi become a gas chamber today.

"The reason behind poisonous water and air is poisonous politics. AAP indulges in polluted blame game politics. Earlier they used to blame stubble burning in Punjab for pollution in Delhi. But now Bhagwant Mann says he can't do anything about it.

What happened with biodecomposers? He said. Meanwhile, AAP leader Reena Gupta said, "Whether it's the issue of water pollution or air pollution, these issues cross administrative boundaries. There is an airshed within approximately 300 kilometres of Delhi, and the Supreme Court has consistently stated that all state governments need to work together to address this issue."

However, only the AAP governments in Delhi and Punjab are actively tackling it. In Haryana, there has been a 30 per cent increase in stubble-burning incidents, while Uttar Pradesh has seen a 70 per cent increase. In contrast, Punjab has experienced a 30 per cent reduction in such incidents, she claimed.

Indo Latin American Chamber of Commerce & VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. Signs Landmark Agreement to Propel India's Vision of Becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047

New Delhi : The Indo Latin American Chamber of Commerce (ILACC) and VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. signed a landmark agreement at the Constitution Club of India, marking a significant step in driving India's vision of becoming a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The agreement, valued at USD 10 billion, focuses on large-scale investments in India, including the Industrial Corridor Development Program, Semiconductor Mission, National Logistics Policy, Production Linked Incentives (PLI) Scheme, Make in India and Made From India and many other initiatives focused towards defence and infrastructure development.

Minister of State, Mr. Tokhan Sahu from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs attended the agreement signing ceremony alongside global dignitaries, including H.E. Mr.

Juan Angulo, Ambassador of the Republic of Chile, H.E. Mr. Federico Salas Lotfe, Ambassador of the Embassy of Mexico, Acting High Commissioner Mrs. Ronalda Edwards-Horatio, The Cooperative Republic of Guyana and H.E. Anisa Kapufi Mbega, Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania, emphasizing the international importance of this landmark partnership.

Global Support and Strategic Importance: The presence of U.S. dignitaries and ambassadors at the signing ceremony highlights the global importance of this partnership. It also reinforces India's growing significance in the international arena, with Latin American and North American stakeholders showing strong interest in supporting the nation's ambitious development goals. This agreement will not only deepen



ties between India and the Latin American region but also serve as a strategic bridge for future economic cooperation between India and global economies. Mr. Raj Kumar Sharma, President of the Indo Latin American Chamber of Commerce (ILACC) Regd. By Govt of India, highlighted, "Today's agreement is not just a financial commitment; it's a strategic alignment reinforcing our dedication to India's development goals. We are incredibly proud to partner with VPVV Techno Construction

journey to becoming a global powerhouse. The partnership is expected to drive employment, enhance technological growth, and attract additional foreign investments, all of which are key elements in making India the third-largest economy and propel towards the mission of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Mr. Venkita Venkat, Chairman of VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd., expressed enthusiasm as he stated "This partnership represents a major leap forward for both organizations. VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. is deeply invested in India's future, and through this agreement, we aim to support the nation's infrastructural and defence capabilities to ensure sustainable growth.

We are confident that our combined efforts will contribute significantly to making India a global leader." Mr. Yelei Padmaraj

Gopal, Chief Strategist of VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd., is the main architect for this collaboration who worked tirelessly to make this collaboration happen between both of the organizations. The signing of this collaboration is just the beginning of what promises to be a dynamic and long-lasting partnership. Both ILACC and VPVV Techno Construction Pvt. Ltd. are committed to supporting India's ambitious growth plans across various sectors. It is expected to generate thousands of jobs, stimulate innovation, and increase India's GDP. Additionally, it sets the stage for future collaborations with international partners, attracting more investments and driving India closer to its goal of becoming the third-largest economy in the world.

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Vikas Yadav, a former Indian government employee on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)'s wanted list, was arrested ten months ago by the Delhi Police on charges of attempted murder and kidnapping.

The US authorities had charged him for his alleged role in a foiled plot to assassinate Sikh separatists Gurpatwant Singh Pannun on American soil.

The Special Cell of Delhi Police arrested Yadav (39) on December 18, 2023, for allegedly kidnapping a businessman living in Rohini and demanding money in the name of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. He was granted bail in April this year, sources said. According to the FIR filed



by the Special Cell, Yadav told the businessman to meet him near the office of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in south Delhi on December 11, 2023, claiming he might face a "serious threat". Accordingly, the victim along with his friend met Yadav who was accompanied by a person named Abdullah. Yadav and Abdullah allegedly pushed the victim into a car and demanded money in the name of Lawrence Bishnoi, the FIR said.

Future political responsibilities to be decided by party, Kejriwal: Satyendar Jain

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Senior AAP leader Satyendar Jain on Saturday said his future political responsibilities will be decided by the party and its convener Arvind Kejriwal. On Saturday morning, senior AAP leader Satyendar Jain, along with his family, offered prayers at the Jain temple located in Saraswati Vihar and prayed for the well-being of all the citizens of the country. After being released from jail, Jain met Kejriwal at his residence on Firuzshah Road on Friday night. Jain, remarked that justice and the Constitution still prevail in the country, and everyone must respect them. He said, "Without the Constitution, or the courts, the BJP-led central government might have had us hanged by now."

Talking about his time in prison, the senior AAP leader further added, "he often thought about how they sent me, Arvind Kejriwal, Manish



Sisodia, and Sanjay Singh to jail. They've (BJP) imprisoned many of our leaders. What is it about the AAP that makes them want to destroy us?"

When asked about the CCTV footage from Tihar Jail, Jain stated, "Tihar has cameras everywhere, so why doesn't footage of anything else come out? Why is only my footage available? They claimed I was having lavish meals, but all I had was seasonal fruit and vegetables. For an entire year, I didn't eat anything. There's a canteen where anyone can buy food with money, and I have all the bills to prove it."

Apka Vidhayak Apke Dwar campaign: Atishi interacts with residents of Kalkaji

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Chief Minister Atishi on Saturday interacted with people of her Kalkaji constituency, highlighting the works of AAP government, under the party's campaign for upcoming Assembly polls. Visiting people in Bharat Nagar, Govindpuri, and Govindpuri Extension areas she cited achievements of the AAP government over the past 5 years, under the 'Apka Vidhayak Apke Dwar' campaign.

"Kejriwal spends public money on people instead of pocketing it, while BJP calls it freebies", she said. The AAP led by Arvind Kejriwal has provided better facilities to Delhi's poorest over 10 years because he understands the struggles of the common man, Atishi said in a statement.

"If providing free electricity, water, education, healthcare, and pilgrimage for the elderly using public funds is



called 'freebies,' then Kejriwal will continue doing so," she asserted. The people know that only Arvind Kejriwal truly works for the common man's benefit, she claimed and asserted that he will be re-elected as Chief Minister." Under Arvind Kejriwal's guidance, all AAP MLAs are reaching out to residents in every street and neighborhood to account for their work in their

BJP, AAP rattled by tremendous support to Congress' outreach campaign

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Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Devender Yadav on Saturday said both BJP and Aam Aadmi Party have been completely rattled by the tremendous public support to Congress' outreach campaign "Dilliwalon Aao—Dilli Chalao."

The campaign carried out through seven vans equipped with mike and a chair in each vehicle and these vehicles have been touring all the seven Lok Sabha constituencies to take people's suggestions on how to improve the infrastructure and civic services in the Capital to realize their dream city. He said people want Congress back in power to resume the kind of development works it had undertaken during its 15-year rule under one Chief Minister, unlike the BJP, which had to appoint three Chief Ministers during its



five-year government to set a record in corruption and bad/ad hoc governance. Yadav charged that BJP was in collusion with the Aam Aadmi Party to deny a Dalit a chance to become the Mayor as the present Mayor has been illegally staying put in her post for the past seven months without holding the Mayoral election.

He also said it was a well-known fact that the Aam Aadmi Party was the 'B' team of the BJP, and AAP has only emulated the corrupt track record of the five years of BJP misuse in Delhi to set a new bench mark in corruption and criminal activities, without having any concern for the woes of the citizens of Delhi.

BJP protests outside CM Atishi's residence demanding CAG report be tabled

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The BJP on Saturday held a sit-in protest outside Delhi Chief Minister Atishi's Mathura Road residence, which she is scheduled to vacate soon, and demanded that the CAG report be tabled in the Delhi Legislative Assembly. The protest was led by BJP senior MLA and Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta. Gupta, hitting out at former Delhi chief minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal, said in a social media post, "Kejriwal, come to your senses! Call the assembly session immediately... Bring the CAG report on the table." The BJP has been calling out the AAP government for not presenting the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report in the Assembly for the last four years.



According to officials, the CAG reports cover a variety of topics, including the state finances audit, the prevention of vehicular air pollution, public health infrastructure and services, the regulation and supply of liquor, as well as the finance accounts and appropriation accounts. Earlier, the office of

GGSIU to waive fees of students winning medals in National Games

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The Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University commonly called as the IPU University on Saturday announced that it will waive the fees of students who win medals in the National Games organized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The Vice Chancellor Dr. Mahesh Verma also announced a two per cent sports quota for admissions. IPU is also constructing an indoor stadium and quarter stadium in its Dwarka campus to provide international-level facilities to its students, informed the Vice Chancellor. The University's 19th Annual Sports Meet, began on October 18, and around 11,000 students from 75 affiliated colleges are participating in over three

dozen sports competitions, including Judo and Kho-Kho for the first time. Most events will be held in both men and women categories, promoting women's equality and empowerment. According to Prof. Manpreet Kaur Kang, Director for Student Welfare the sports competitions will include Athletics, Race, Shot Put, Long Jump, Relay Heats, Badminton, Cross Country Race, Basketball, Kabaddi, Tennis, Volleyball, Tug of War, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw, Yoga, Chess, BodyBuilding, Power Lifting and Table Tennis. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs, Sports, and Employment, inaugurated the sports meet. The event was also graced by Olympic bronze medalist Aman Sehrawat.



An artist decorates a woman's hand with mehndi (henna) ahead of the Karwa Chauth festival