□ Delhi Ko Kude Se Azadi: A Bold Step Towards a Cleaner, Healthier Capital

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Delhi is rising to the challenge—again. This August, the Delhi Government has launched an ambitious month-long campaign called "Delhi Ko Kude Se Azadi" under the broader banner of the Swachhata Abhiyan. The goal? To rid the city of garbage and ignite a lasting movement for cleanliness, public health, and sustainability.

TA Mission for a Healthier Tomorrow

Running from August 1st to 31st, this initiative is not just another government drive—it's a collaborative mission. It brings together government hospitals, schools, NDMC, NGOs, and everyday citizens, all united by one powerful idea: that a cleaner Delhi is a healthier Delhi.

The campaign addresses a critical issue—solid waste management—by introducing scientific methods for waste segregation, collection, and disposal. But the core of the initiative is not just infrastructure—it's behavioural change.

Change Begins with Awareness

True transformation begins with awareness, and the Delhi Government knows this well. From public health awareness camps to community outreach programs, the campaign is designed to educate and empower.

Healthcare professionals—doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff—are on the frontlines, conducting sessions and camps to help citizens understand the health risks of poor sanitation and the benefits of a clean environment.

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One of the strongest messages in this campaign is the importance of **community participation**. The government can only go so far without the support of the people. Whether it's ensuring waste segregation at home or stopping a neighbour from littering, every action counts.

As the campaign slogan reminds us:

"If there is cleanliness in the house, then we must also target the waste around us."

Mass Participation, Collective Responsibility

"Delhi Ko Kude Se Azadi" brings together multiple stakeholders, including:

- Government Hospitals & Health Departments
- NDMC and MCD bodies
- Public and Private Schools
- Registered NGOs
- Local RWAs (Resident Welfare Associations)
- Citizens and Volunteers

Public awareness and behavioural change are key pillars of the initiative. Daily educational and sanitation activities will be carried out throughout the month, including:

- Clean-up drives in neighbourhoods and markets
- Public health awareness camps
- Scientific waste management workshops
- Anti-plastic and sustainability awareness campaigns
- School and hospital outreach programs

Beyond Garbage: Tackling Plastic & Pollution

Towards a Plastic-Free, Waste-Free Delhi

The campaign strongly promotes the **ban on single-use plastics** to adopt **sustainable materials** and encourages citizens to embrace the **3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. Scientific waste segregation and disposal systems will be demonstrated and implemented in select zones, with an emphasis on replicability and scale.

From cleaning roads and homes to reviving rivers, drains, and even the sea, this initiative aims to go beyond short-term impact—it's about nurturing a culture of environmental responsibility.

Daily Clean-Up Drives

A structured list of daily activities ensures that momentum is maintained throughout the month. Whether you're a school, hospital, or local resident group, there's a way for everyone to participate and make a difference.

☐ Let's Be the Change

"Delhi Ko Kude Se Azadi" is more than a campaign—it's a call to action.

It's about **rethinking how we live**, **reconnecting with our environment**, and realizing that public health starts right outside our doors. The responsibility doesn't belong only to the government—it belongs to **all of us**.

So this August, let's roll up our sleeves, grab a broom, and reclaim our city—one clean-up at a time.

Because a clean Delhi isn't just a dream. It's a decision.