

Your Neighbourhood



Hot Point !

Should Delhi's Master Plan be amended to accommodate industries?

Charanjit S. Shah, visiting professor, School of Planning and Architecture

Yes, because 70 per cent of Delhi has had unauthorised growth. There is complete violation of land use in most parts of Delhi with the government, the custodian of law, being the biggest violator. All unauthorised colonies developed in agricultural land are being regularised. The commercial outburst in Lajpat Nagar, South Extension, Lakshmi Nagar, Rajouri Garden, Tilak Nagar, Karol Bagh, Jwala Heri is all in violation of the master plan. The solution does not lie in shifting of these few polluted industrial units. The problem demands a very methodical and practical approach to this complex problem in Delhi.



Ugam R Mathur, architect

With changing needs and ground realities suitable amendment in the master plan will go a long way to have an orderly development and governance with single authority.

But the most important requirement is to shift industries to conforming areas, and save Delhi from votebank politics and pollution. Setting up industries in residential and non-conforming

area is a crime and all such criminals (owners as well as workers) should be debarred from voting rights, till they observe the rule of the law. Bring about such reforms to save democracy from mobocracy.

S L Malhotra, former senior DDA official

No, question does not arise. Otherwise Delhi will become a junk market. If you change the master plan then what was the need to spend so much public money on the master plan in the first place at all? Seeking change in the master plan is a ploy of the politicians who depend on its beneficiaries for votes



Posh South E

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PEOPLE GENERALLY have a very rosy picture of South Extension I, popularly called as NDSE. Considered as a posh and a model colony, the youngsters regard it as the best possible address in South Delhi thanks to the huge superstores that make it one of the best shopping centres in Delhi where shoppers throng in hordes. But the true face behind this attractive mask is not known to many.

The residents of NDSE-I are actually a harried lot. The heavy commercialisation has taken its toll on the colony. It is difficult to determine where does the market begin and where does it end. It has been slowly creeping into the residential area and threatens to turn the whole colony into a big and congested marketplace.

But the major problem here is that of poor sewerage system in the colony. It was the last week of October when life for a few residents was hell as they were confronted with overflowing sewers.

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almost flooded. "It was a stink could not even overflow spread service lane," Dheer, the 75-year-old tried umpteens to call the Se office in Kotla called continu to register n every time th down," added.

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Demolition drive i

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IN A daring display of estate builders' might, the officials of the DLF Properties Management Services revved up their bulldozers on November 30 to pull down entry gates of

