

Urban Transport Challenges for mega events-Lessons of CWG-2010

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To manage day-to-day traffic of the city is a challenge

- In peak hours, situation becomes very demanding.
- In times of break-down, water-logging, processions/rallies and VIP movements, severe congestion is caused on the affected roads.

The requirement of Mega Event: Commonwealth Games-2010

- Provision of dedicated Games Lane on routes connecting Airport to Games Village, Games Family Hotels, Competition Venues and non-Competition Venues.
- Opening and Closing Ceremony where about 60,000 spectators were present at one time including VVIPs and VIPs.
- Road Events spread over more than 10 Kms. in the heart of city.
- The requirement of timely reaching of the sports persons and officials.
- Running the city traffic at the time of Games.

Preparation for the Games

- Detailed venue-wise arrangements drawn up including parking for all stake holders.
- Planning for the Games Lane.
- Alternative routes for the citizens of Delhi.
- Park and ride, park and walk, parking arrangements of relevant categories. No parking available at any venue for spectators.

Preparing for the Games: Advance activities.

- Rehearsal of the Games Lane.
- Marshalling of manpower and training them.
- Creating awareness about Games Lane through media and advisories.
- Enactment of legal provisions for imposition of enhanced penalties for violation of Games Lane.
- Preparing for imposition of restrictions on movement of goods vehicles in the city.
- Invoking of Sec. 144 Cr.PC provisions.

Actual difficulties in preparation

- Delay in completion of stadia, flyovers and other infrastructure.
- Delay in marking on Games Lane and roads.
- Heavy monsoons.

Gaining Experience

- Test events in major stadiums.
- Commencement of Games Lane rehearsals about a month in advance.
- Gradual approach to rehearsals starting from Sundays, weekends, weekdays and peak hours.
- Intense Media attention.
- Media advertisements, advisories and write-ups by newspapers.
- Gradual learning by citizens of Delhi.

The Actual Carrying out of Games Arrangements

- Issue of notifications as regards steep fines in violations of Games Lane w.e.f. 20th Sept., 2010.
- Notification restricting goods vehicles movement w.e.f. 30th Sept., 2010.
- Invoking of Sec. 144 Cr.PC provisions w.e.f. 28th Sept. 2010.

The Games begin

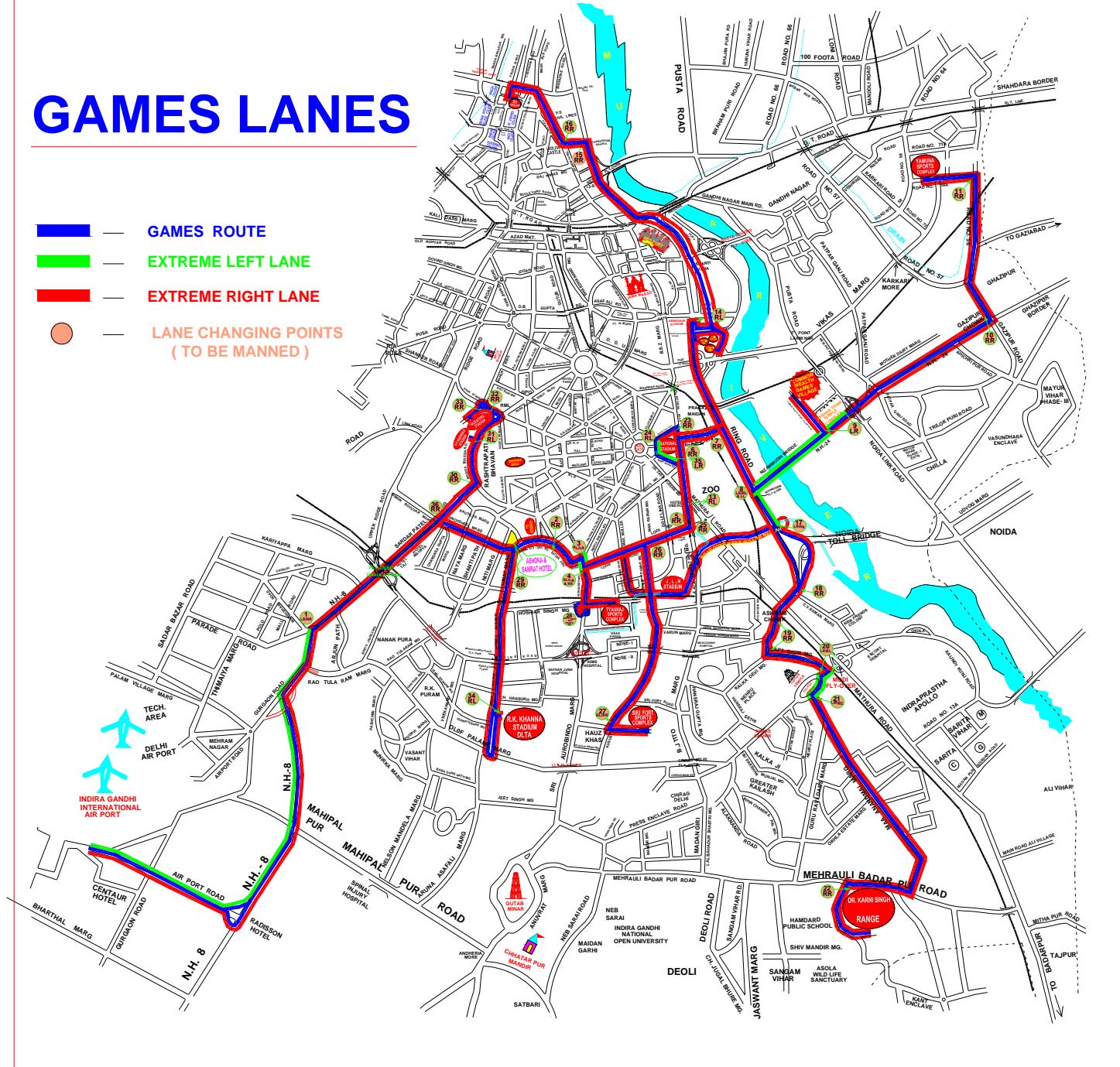
- Athletes started arriving from 20th Sept., 2010.
- Beginning of Games Lane from Airport to Games Village.
- Gradual introduction of Games Lane for important Stadiums.
- Commencement of full-fledged operation of Games Lane and Venue & non-Venue arrangements.

Opening Ceremony

- Most difficult in terms of arrangements.
- All Athletes participated in the ceremony.
- VVIP participation.
- About 60,000 spectators.
- Actual carrying out of opening day arrangements including closure of roads, marshalling of all spectators excluding 240 VIPs in public transport.
- Planning & executing Athletes movement and arrangements for actual movement.
- Arrangements at the time of dispersal.

GAMES LANES

- GAMES ROUTE
- EXTREME LEFT LANE
- EXTREME RIGHT LANE
- LANE CHANGING POINTS (TO BE MANNED)





HOW TO RECOGNIZE DECIDATED LANES?

- These would mostly be on the extreme right side of major roads
- Dedicated Games lanes will be segregated by two yellow lines, and the black metallic surface will have blue bands on which there will be mnemonic of CWG both acronym CWG, both written in white colour

ROADS THAT WILL HAVE DEDICATED GAMES LANES

- Roads between the airport and the Games Village near Akshardham Temple and between the Games Village and competition venues

Any violation will lead to hefty fines and possible impounding of vehicle.

Citizens are requested to use public transport to avoid inconvenience.

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Commencement of Competitions

- From 3rd October, 2010 competitions begin in most of the Stadiums.
- Games Lane functional for all Stadiums.
- Traffic arrangements for practice venues, non-competition venues and important places related to Commonwealth Games.

The Road Events

- One of the biggest challenge.
- Three events: 20 Kms. Walk, day-long Cycling competitions and Marathon.
- Selection of the route was a very difficult exercise.
- Diversions, restrictions for the Road Events.
- Use of media to spread information to all stake-holders.

The Closing Ceremony

- The arrangements on the same scale as in Opening Ceremony.
- The last minute security input and closure of both carriageways at the time of dispersal of Athletes.

The most important things which helped in managing the Mega Event

- The meticulous planning for all competitions and non-competition venues.
- Advance rehearsal of Games Lane.
- Park and ride, Park and walk facilities.
- Enhancement of fines.
- Restrictions on goods vehicles.
- Closure of educational institutions coupled with long holidays which facilitated people moving out of the city.
- Sustained Media campaign for use of alternative routes and public transport.
- Commissioning of two new corridors for Metro trains.
- Cooperation by citizens and sense of responsibility.
- Dedicated efforts by Delhi Traffic Police.
- Use of internet, Delhi Traffic Police website, facebook, twitter and FM Channels.

AVOID TRAFFIC JAMS AND INCONVENIENCE

Use Metro or other Public Transport



Benefits of Public Transport and Car Pool

Metro

- 138 km of connectivity in Delhi and NCR
- Increased frequency
- More coaches being added

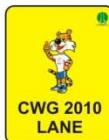
Buses

- Safe and economical
- Environment friendly and clean
- Complete peace of mind

Car pool

- Save money on fuel, parking and wear & tear
- Relaxed commuting
- Less pollution

Any violation of Games Lanes will lead to a fine of Rs. 2000/- and impounding of vehicle



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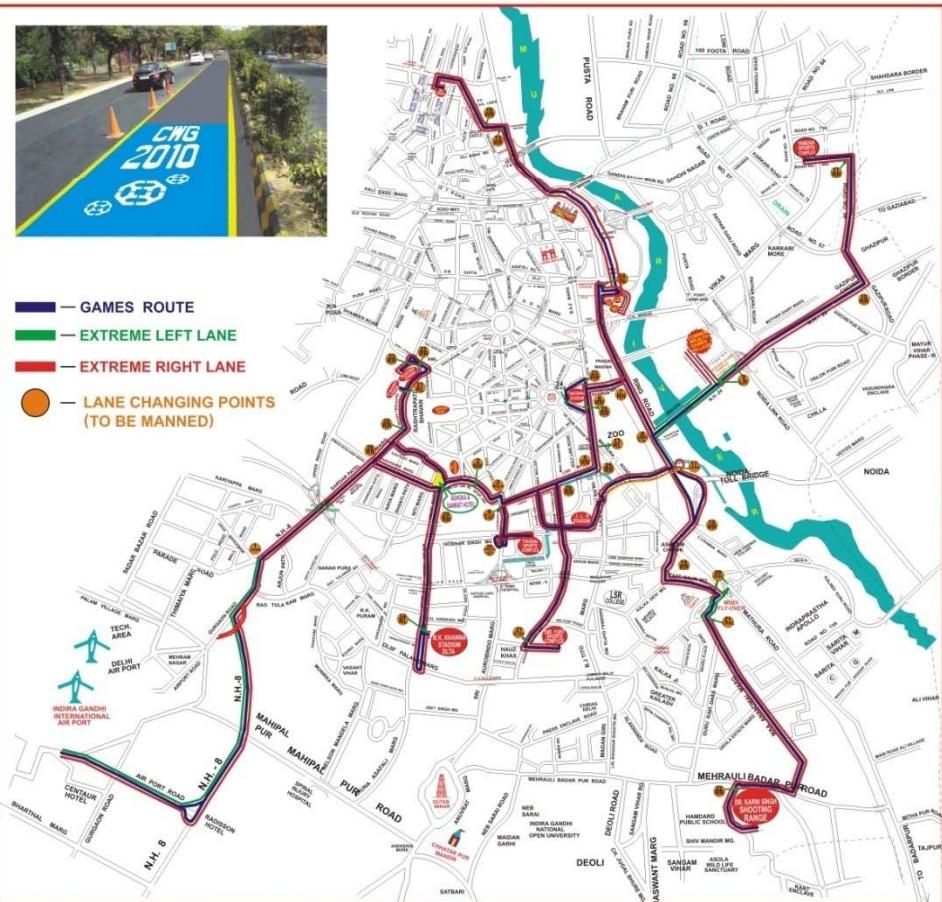
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DEDICATED GAMES LANES ROUTE CWG 2010

(20th September to 16th October, 2010)



- GAMES ROUTE
- EXTREME LEFT LANE
- EXTREME RIGHT LANE
- — LANE CHANGING POINTS (TO BE MANNED)



TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

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Roads which will have Dedicated Games Lanes:

Airport Road, NH-8, Sardar Patel Marg, Panchsheel Marg, Lodhi Road, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, August Kranti Marg, parts of Ring Road, NH-24, Road No. 56, Road No. 58, Bhairon Marg, Mother Teresa Crescent, Vinay Marg, Africa Avenue, August Kranti Marg etc.

Sardar Patel Marg, Panchsheel Marg, Mother Teresa Crescent, Kamal Ata Turk Marg & Safdarjung Road are two lanes carriageway. These roads should be avoided by road users unless unavoidable.

Suggested routes to avoid Dedicated Lane roads can be seen on Traffic Police website www.delhitrafficpolice.nic.in

Any violation of Games Lanes will lead to a fine of Rs. 2,000/- and impounding of vehicle.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR SPECTATORS

For Opening Ceremony of XIX Commonwealth Games 2010
at J.L.N. Stadium on 3rd October, 2010.

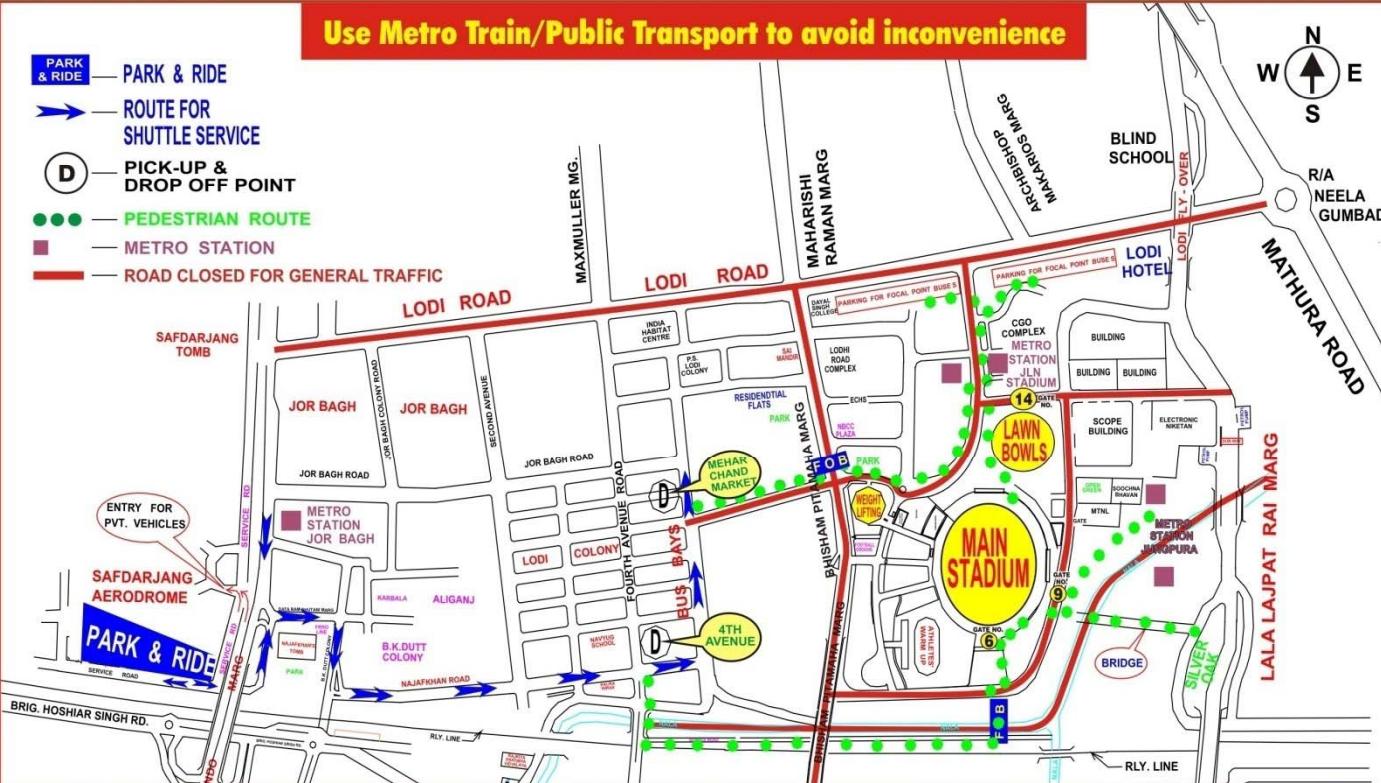


TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR CLOSING CEREMONY OF COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2010

at J.L.N. Stadium on 14th October, 2010.

Use Metro Train/Public Transport to avoid inconvenience

-  PARK & RIDE
-  ROUTE FOR SHUTTLE SERVICE
-  D — PICK-UP & DROP OFF POINT
-  PEDESTRIAN ROUTE
-  METRO STATION
-  ROAD CLOSED FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC



TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS TO BE IN PLACE FOR CLOSING CEREMONY

ROADS NOT AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

- A. FROM 6 AM TO MIDNIGHT**
 - Bhishma Pitamaha Marg – Dayal Singh College to Kotla Mubarakpur Chowk.
 - Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium Marg – Mehar Chand Market to Lala Lajpat Rai Marg (Already Closed).
 - MTNL Building Road – Scope Complex Chowk to Kushak Nala (Already Closed)
- B. FROM 2 PM TO MIDNIGHT**
 - Lodhi Road from Safdarjung Madarsa to Lodhi Road Flyover
- C. FROM 4 PM TO 6.30 PM**
 - NH 24 between NOIDA more Flyover to Ring Road- Nizammuddin 'T' point.
 - Ring Road from Bhairon Road 'T' Point to Ashram.
- D. FROM 8 PM TO 11 PM**
 - Ring Road from Ashram to Bhairon Road 'T' Point.
 - NH-24 between Ring Road- Nizammuddin 'T' Point to NOIDA Flyover.

ROADS TO BE AVOIDED ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2010 AS THESE WILL CARRY GAMES RELATED TRAFFIC

- Lodhi Road – Safdarjung Madarsa to Lodhi Flyover
- Aurobindo Marg – Aurobindo Chowk to AIIMS Flyover (Ring Road)
- Lala Lajpat Rai Marg – Lodhi Flyover to moolchand (Ring Road)
- Bhishma Pitamaha Marg – Kotla Mubarak Pur to Andrews Ganj Crossing (Ring Road)
- 4th Avenue Road (Lodhi Colony)
- Mehar Chand Market Road.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

TAKE FOLLOWING ROUTES TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE:-

- A. NORTH TO SOUTH and VICE-VERSA**
 - Ring Road – Bhairon Road – Mathura Road – Neela Gumbad – Ashram – Ring Road – towards Daula Kuan, Mathura Road towards Badarpur.
 - Boulevard road – Rani Jhansi Road – Faiz Road – Upper Pidge Road to Daula Kuan.
- B. EAST TO WEST and VICE VERSA.**
 - East Delhi and NOIDA – DND Flyover – Ring Road Ashram.
 - East Delhi and NOIDA – Vikas Marg – ITO – DDU Marg – Connaught Place – RML Hospital – Upper Ridge Road.

HOW TO REACH NEHRU STADIUM

GATE NO. 6

Reach Jorbagh Metro Station or Safdarjung Airport Park and Ride. Take Metro / Park and Ride shuttle, get down at 4th Avenue, walk to Gate No. 6 via Barapullah pedestrian way.

GATE NO. 9

Reach Jangpura Metro Station or Silver Oak and walk to Stadium.

GATE NO. 14

Reach JLN Stadium Metro Station, or take DTC Focal Point Buses to reach Sunheri Pulla and walk. For Park and Ride take Shuttle from Safdarjung Airport, get down at Mehar Chand Market and walk.

**IF YOU TAKE ANY OTHER WAY,
YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED
TO GET INSIDE THE STADIUM.**

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Public Acclaim

- Traffic Police arrangements appreciated by one and all, everybody rated Traffic Police arrangements excellent.
- Times of India, Hindustan Times
- Anecdote about a youngman.

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HITS & MISSES

*The chaotic run-up to the Commonwealth Games looked like a distant nightmare when the world went gaga over the spectacular opening ceremony and an equally dazzling closing event. To the surprise of many, Delhi had managed to pull it off without any embarrassment. While the capital scored on many fronts like managing traffic and extending hospitality to guests, it also faced many bitter experiences on the way. **Times City** recalls the goals and fouls*

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NO TRAFFIC BLUES

The popular perception that Delhi is a lawless city was shattered during the Games, at least in so far as the traffic was concerned. More cops on city roads, an increased fine of Rs 2,000 with a provision for arrest and strict enforcement ensured full compliance to the dedicated blue lanes meant for use by athletes and delegates. According to the traffic police, over 95% Delhiites stuck to the lanes. As a result, driving was a breeze during the Games. Despite the roadblocks, the jams anticipated were not intense



FIVE THINGS CWG HAS LEFT US



LANE DRIVING

The lane exclusive for the Commonwealth Game-related traffic changed the way Delhi drove. The blue-and-white lanes taught even the unrliest Delhiite how to drive in a lane. Hefty fine of ₹2,000, and the fear of landing behind the bars, too, helped keep a check on those straying into the Games lane.

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The Lessons learnt

- If you plan for the event well, get adequate legal provisions, inform people through Media and carryout rehearsals, train your manpower, have rigorous enforcement of your plans, you can carry through the Mega event effortlessly.



THANKS

