CAG-led cleaning of E-block land
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BACKGROUND
1. The E-Block land is a large piece of land, originally, meant for residential use, but remains vacant due to various reasons.
2. With no regular access to waste collection vans, this land has turned into a solid waste dump yard over time.
3. It was important to address the issue, as this land is of cultural significance for the community, as annual chhath Puja event is celebrated here.

ACTION TAKEN
1. Community members of Bakkarwala approached MHT through the CAG seeking a solution for this issue.
2. CAG members took up this initiative, after discussion with the community.
3. They approached the sanitation inspector in MCD, requesting him to clean the land, quoting sanitation and hygiene reasons.
4. The Chhath Puja Samiti members also supported the CAG to approach MCD for this initiative.
5. They approached MCD in early November and after follow-up, the land was cleaned by November end, before Chhath puja.
6. Before this, the CAG members led the E-Block park cleaning in May and August too.
**TIMELINE**

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**RESULTS AND WAY FORWARD**

1. As it is a community-level festival, the cleaning of land before Chhath puja helped them organize and perform it in a better way.
2. As a way forward, HHs without dustbins are being mapped. This data will be used to provide them with dustbins. This, along with awareness building can help solve the issue of solid waste dumping on E-Block land.

**COMMUNITY TESTIMONIAL**

Kiranben, a member of CAG, who performs chhath puja, said “As I am a CAG member working with MHT since 3 years, I have worked on providing basic necessities to the community of Bakkarwala. I have been performing Chhath puja for the past two years, and helping the samiti in this cleaning drive made organizing the event better and ensured maximum participation.”