CAG-led Maintenance and Cleaning of pocket parks in Bakkarwala

SITUATION
• The development of G-Block Park in Bakkarwala was the first intervention undertaken as a part of AIWASI CDP, in August 2023, which included civil works for improved inclusion of the disabled and a plantation drive by greening consultant.
• After the intervention, some issues like regular cleaning & maintenance of park and irrigation were prevalent, due to lack of irrigation infrastructure within the park.
• This maintenance issue hindered the daily use and occasional festivities held in the park by the community.

ACTION
• CAGs of Bakkarwala collectively decided to address this issue.
• They submitted an application at MCD Horticulture department for cleaning of all block pocket parks in October 2023.
• This was a result of behavior change, as the application was not only limited to G-Block park, but included cleaning and plantation in all other pocket parks.
• Following this application, MCD has cleaned G, A and H-Block parks within a week.
TIMELINE

- August 2023: Civil work & plantation drive undertaken at G-Block Park
- October 2023: Application filed for maintenance of parks
- October 2023: G, A and H-Block Parks cleaned

RESULTS

- A positive behavior change is observed, as all CAGs in Bakkarwala are now aiming to regularly clean/maintain the existing services.
- The operations and maintenance component under AIWASI has started taking shape, with the community as well as government stakeholders taking responsibility.
- In this case, Bakkarwala CAGs submitted the application at MHT center during Yatendra Ji’s visit, indicating combined efforts.
- A challenge is still prevalent, as there is a lack of Infrastructure for irrigation within the G-Block Park.

WAY FORWARD

- CAGs have requested MCD to deploy a gardener for regular maintenance and irrigation in G-Block Park.
- MCD officials have assured that they will positively look into the matter.