WILL YOU LET THEM DESTROY YOUR CITY?
Delhi is slowly being destroyed. 
Don't you want to know who is destroying it? 
We bring you all the details. 
Because we are trying to stop the destruction. 
And we need your help.

We have also been trying to save nature.

Human beings are a part of nature.
Human beings like you and us.

Others in Delhi are also trying to protect the city.

Perhaps you would like to get in touch with any of us.
The money from the sale of this booklet will be used to help in stopping the damage.

IS THIS YOUR CITY?

People settled in Delhi over one thousand years ago. 
The place was good for defense, water, and food.

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So many people worked so hard for so long to build this city.

Here are ten easy ways to destroy it.
THE PLANNED CITY

First, the rulers came.
Then, the merchants, the traders and contractors.
And then the industrialists.

They planned the city for themselves and their comfort.

But not for the people who came looking for work. 300,000 came every year. To work in the offices and shops, factories and homes, in the streets.

Without whom the city would surely die.

But for whom the city has no place to live.

PLANNING THE UNPLANNED

People like to live and work in nice places.
But 60% of Delhi’s citizens are forced to live in slums.

With no decent water, no sanitation, and no caring.
Where they fall sick and are harassed by everybody.

Until ... just when they have made their area somewhat livable, and the land prices have risen ... they are moved ... to make way for the planned city.

THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD - MY HOME.
**DAMNING THE YAMUNA**

People need water.
Most people need more water.
So the city pulls out water from the Yamuna.
When that becomes less than the demand,
a barrage is built at Wazirabad.
Then another one is made at Okhla.
And a third on the Hindon river.

Trouble is,
other upstream
of Delhi have the
same ideas!

So the Yamuna that eventually reaches Delhi in what
has been used and thrown out by cities, homes,
farms, and factories in U.P. and Haryana.
And we drink that water!

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**THE CLEAN LIFE**

Bathing, cleaning, washing, manufacturing.
Everything needs water.
The water gets very dingy with all those
chemicals. And goes down the sewers.
From the sewers to the drains. From the drains
to the river.

Half of Delhi's major drains have no
treatment plants. So all the filth goes
into the Yamuna, which has little
fresh water.

... where vegetables are
grown and fish are caught.
... which we then eat.

And this filth then goes further,
through the river and the
Agra canal, to feed the farms
and the people of Mathura and
Vrindavan, Agra, and Faislabad.

Do unto others
what is done unto you!
Burying the Dirt

Potato chips and ice-cream. Soft drinks and soap. Clothes and toys. Televisions, paper, glass, metal... and all the rest of the garbage.

It all gets thrown out. 10,000 truckloads every day. Dumped on to land somewhere. Creating huge piles of rotting, smelling, and disease-spreading rubbish. Dangerous for everybody. Particularly for those 70,000 children who work every day trying to recycle every bit of waste.

Children who have lost their childhood. For whom nobody cares.

The Green Acres

With all that overcrowding, life can be very unhealthy in Delhi. So those who have the money want to move out. But every family that moves needs land and water, electricity, food, and transport.

Huge housing colonies come up occupying land that was earlier under farms or forest or wetlands.

Delhi grows... and grows... and grows. The concrete megacity will slowly swallow up all the 12 big towns around it.

Will there be any place left to own to them?
FREEDOM ON TWO WHEELS

Fill it. Shut it. Forget it.
And you can zoom all over Delhi.

Did you know that two-wheelers make up 78% of all vehicles on the roads?
That in ten years their number has increased ten times?
That they are the most polluting and dangerous form of transport?
And only 20% of the commuters travel by private car or two-wheelers?

While 60% go by public or private bus.
And, amazingly, 20% are still travelling by cycle - the most efficient and non-polluting form of transport.

50% of all air pollution is from transport vehicles.

So the person who can only afford to travel by cycle is actually doing the city a service.

While the city no longer has any cycle paths which were there only 15 years ago.

POWER AT WORK

Everything requires energy.

Energy comes from burning coal or building dams.
One dishoils the air, the other drowns the land.
25% of that irritating smog you see over Delhi is produced by burning coal.
Power means pollution!
THE DEATH OF TREES

Every plant means fresh air.
Trees take in Carbon Dioxide
and release vital Oxygen.
They collect dust on their leaves.

Every factory, every home, every road, coughs trees under it. The Ministry of Forests and Environment, for example, is built where there was once a small forest.

In the past 40 years, over half of Delhi's green areas have disappeared.

Now the only remaining forest in the heart of Delhi, on the Ridge behind Rashtrapati Bhavan, is going to be given over to private developers.

Where will the birds and squirrels go?
And the mongooses and the neelgai?

ARE YOU WORRIED NOW?

Then do something about the leaking tap.
Put on, put on your thinking cap.
What can you do about the flushing loo?
Would a couple of bricks in the cistern do?

Avoid plastic, reuse paper, carry a shopping bag.
Ride a bike, take a bus, don't let your backbone sag.
Plant a tree, you'll love to see it grow green.
Switch off the power, to see your city clean.

To find your local municipal office, dig deep
Get them to remove the smelly garbage heap.
And that snotty-nosed rag-picker, you see there
Is helping your city, so please take care.

Get your father to properly tune his car.
Get your friends together, wherever they are.
Raise your voice, don't just take it easy.
There are better things to do than watching cable TV.

ARE THESE YOU?
GURGAON'S ENVY, DELHI'S PRIDE

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?

NAME:__________________________AGE:__________SEX:__________

CLASS:__________________________PARENT'S OCCUPATION:__________

HOME ADDRESS:______________________NO. AND AGE OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

TEACHER IN CHARGE:______________________SCHOOL:______________________

WHAT DISEASES HAVE THERE BEEN IN YOUR FAMILY (INCLUDING YOURSELF) IN THE LAST ONE MONTH? MONTH:__________ YEAR:__________

ILLNESS OF WHO FELL ILL FOR HOW LONG TEMPORARY OR DESCRIBE THE SYMPTOMS

EYE

SKIN

THROAT/CHEST

STOMACH

FEVER

HEADACHE (WHERE)

ANY MAJOR ILLNESS IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS:

ANY MEDICINE TAKEN

(* CHRONIC MEANS DISEASE HAPEN AGAIN AND AGAIN)