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Different surfaces mediate our interactions with the city — newspaper headlines scanned over cups of tea, roadside signboards, the windowpanes of buses through which we glance out as we travel at varying speeds, walls overlaid with posters and graffiti, or inscribed with hand painted signs prohibiting them, postage stamp sheets purchased over counters that shut for lunch, late night crime shows on TV screens, forms filled in during surveys and broadsheets with some images from the city...We pass by these surfaces, miss them, or glance at them momentarily. At other times we pause, look at them, or look through them at the city. And sometimes we carry them with us even after we have moved on, as that which is remembered. They become a part of our personal archive of the city.

It seems to us that there is a relationship between looking at the city, glancing at it as we pass by and acts of creation, which knits us all together. For is it not that what one person misses is alive in another person's memories, and that which someone relays, narrates, recalls and shares, becomes part of what someone else encounters, discovers and remembers.

We hope, through this broadsheet, and others like and unlike it, and through a diversity of forms which take different routes and travel with different velocities, to weave our way into the dense fabric of remembering and forgetting which binds us across all our cities. In the process we hope to build a "repository of remembering and reminding" — a common pool which everyone is invited to add to and take from; another surface (like a blog on a computer screen) that mediates us and the city.

You are invited. Watch this space, and write to us at [broadsheet@sarai.net](mailto:broadsheet@sarai.net)

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**1981** • Commemorative stamps for 1st Asian Games issued by the Post and Telegraph Department. The 2 anna stamp is orange and deep red, the 4 anna stamp is blue and dark brown. It shows a torch against the background of the coast line of Asia • Indian Institute of Agricultural Research chairman stresses the need to round up stray cattle in Delhi • RSS urges Hindus not to boycott census. Due to boycotting of census by Hindus in 1921 and 1931 Hindus showed up as minorities in many regions. Community urged not to repeat mistake • Ban on public meetings of more than 5 people, processions and demonstrations is extended by the District Magistrate • 60 writers and typists petition the court asking that they be allowed to return to the premises of the Delhi District Court from where they have been removed on grounds of overcrowding • PM Nehru says in Parliament, "There is a perfect racket on in Delhi in the name of refugees." • Warning issued that if authorities show any slackness, Delhi will be converted into a "city of slums." • Police seize an unlicensed wireless transmitter set from a doctor's shop in Karol Bagh • 1971 • 36 more sirens installed in various parts of the city, besides the already existing 60 • An amusement park on the lines of Disneyland will be built adjacent to the Ind Asia Trade Fair Venue • Foreign journalists, here to cover the general elections, complain about the undependable air and rail services and the unscrupulous taxi-drivers in the city • On the night of 31 March, census team will begin counting the homeless population of Delhi. The census team also asked to count Delhi's cow population • Physical checking of passengers and passenger bags at the airport after the hijacking of Air India flight turns up 9 revolvers, 4 pistols, 198 cartridges, 34 daggers, 43 knives, 3 swords in the last fortnight • All male Central Government employees undergoing sterilisation will be entitled to 6 days of special leave. Women will get 14 days leave for sterilisation and 1 day for insertion of IUD • Birthplace of Mahakavi (Great Poet) Surdas to be developed as a tourist resort with a stadium, a park, a library and a bathing tank • People's help sought to locate spies • NDMC plans to check further unauthorised occupation of government land by squatters and stop fresh *Jhuggi/Jhopri* clusters from coming up • Facsimile published of special stamp to be issued by the Post and Telegraph Department on 31 October to mark World Thrift Day • Flying Swami Visnudevanta showers South Delhi and New Delhi colonies with leaflets and flowers as he flies by in his psychedelically painted light airplane on his way to Lahore. Determined to avert war • The Government proposes to bring forward a legislation which will amend the Telegraph Wires Unlawful Possessions Act to make punishment more severe for stealing, or unlawfully possessing, telegraph wires • Efforts on to turn Delhi into India's "Garden City" • Workers in vital industries to be issued ID cards to prevent sabotage • Delhi will observe a blackout exercise between 8 P.M. and 6 A.M. Authorities have planned "6 major incidents" and "6 minor incidents" to test the efficacy of various agencies • DDA to distribute free milk cows by a draw of lots • Pragati Maidan (Progress Field) coming up well. Should be ready in time for Asia 72 • 1982 • Lt. Governor complements the Delhi Development Authority on its magnificent job of constructing the Asian Games Village and the shooting range in record time. They have worked round the clock and fought battles in court against encroachers on public land in order to get the task done • Lt. Governor says interrupted supply of power will be maintained during the Asian Games • The DMC formulates a sewage sanitation and clearing project for the narrow lanes of the walled city • Sexually Transmitted Diseases on the rise in Delhi, affecting 25 percent of population • Delhi University will be the first university in the country to offer a MSc Degree in computers • Raid conducted by 40 policemen of Maharaja Nehru Hostel by hostels on the pretext of searching for students from the North East • Delhi is fully prepared to meet the threat of Yamuna river flooding • Three furniture factories burned to ashes destroying 1000 worth of furniture for the Asian Games • Lt. Governor says he will not allow encroachment of public land and unplanned growth of the city • DDA told to keep track of encroachments by public utility agencies, fencing public land, and having regular patrols by demolition squad • Nine five-star hotels are being built in Delhi for the IXth Asian Games • 2005 • Multi-crore investments will see Commonwealth Games complex through ahead of time • Delhi gets new metro line in record time • Digital map of Delhi to be prepared to ascertain illegal structures • Municipal Corporation of Delhi resumes demolition drive against illegal constructions • New Delhi Municipal Council to introduce a dress code for employees • MCD frames guidelines for installing and manning of gates in colonies by Resident Welfare Associations • MCD launches drive to impound and auction stray cattle • Indian Music Industry's anti-piracy team raids two of the most notorious areas in Delhi for pirated CDs, MP3s and VCDs. Seizes over 7,000 pirated CDs and DVDs • Delhi's first state-of-the-art IT Park opened • Four held for cheating bank. Rs 1 crore siphoned off by manipulating electronic data • Gambling den unearthed, operating under cover of video game parlour • 80 bans unlicensed slaughter at Idgah abattoir • First community radio programme started • History created in Delhi Zoo: two python eggs hatched for the first time • Land registration, municipality records to be interconnected through computerisation • Heritage Conservation Committee to sensitise people on the cultural and urban design significance of Connaught Place •

- 1. Occupant of the Household**
- 2. a) Number of Occupants**
  - i. Single
  - ii. Nuclear Family
  - iii. Joint Family
  - iv. Other
- 2. b) Number of Employed in Household**
  - i. Male
  - ii. Female
- 3. Number of Males in Household**
  - i. Below 18 years
  - ii. Above 18 years
  - iii. Above 60 years
- 4. Number of Females in Household**
  - i. Below 18 years
  - ii. Above 18 years
  - iii. Above 60 years
- 5. Resident in Delhi From**
  - i. Pre-1947
  - ii. Since 1947
  - iii. Between 1951-1961
  - iv. Between 1962-1971
  - iii. Between 1972-1981
  - iv. Between 1982-1991
  - v. Last 5 years
- 6. Household Location**
  - i. North
  - ii. North East
  - iii. North West
  - iv. East
  - v. West
  - vi. South
  - vii. South West
  - viii. Central
  - ix. New Delhi
- 7. Household Category**
  - i. JJ Resettlement Colony
  - ii. Slum Resettlement Colony
  - iii. Refugee Resettlement Colony
  - iv. Approved/Planned Colony
  - v. Unauthorised-Regularised Colony
  - vi. Unauthorised Colony
  - vii. Urbanised Village
  - viii. JJ Cluster
  - ix. Notified Slum Area/Walled City
  - x. Rural Village
- 8. Household Type**
  - i. Partially/Fully Built Agency House
  - ii. Partially/Fully Built Cooperative House
  - iii. Slum Housing
  - iv. Employer Housing
  - v. Housing on Individual Plots
- 9. Household Ownership**
  - i. Own
  - ii. Tenant
  - iii. In Dispute
- 10. Household Utilisation**
  - i. Residence
  - ii. Residence-cum-Other-Use
  - iii. Shop, Office
  - iv. School, College, etc
  - v. Hotel, Lodge, Guesthouse, etc
  - vi. Hospital, Dispensary, etc
  - vii. Factory, Workshop, Workshed, etc
  - viii. Place of Worship
- 11. Household Employment**
  - i. Central Government
  - ii. Government of Delhi
  - iii. Quasi Government (Central+State)
  - iv. Local Bodies
  - v. Private
  - vi. Self-Employed
- 12. Major Activity Type of Household**
  - i. Agricultural (crop production and plantation)
  - ii. Agricultural Activities (other than crop production and plantation)
  - iii. Mining and Quarrying
  - iv. Small-Scale Industry
    - Handloom
    - Handicraft
    - Other
  - v. Factory
    - Private/Government
    - With Power/Without Power
  - vi. Manufacturing and Repair Services
  - vii. Electricity, Gas and Water Supply
  - viii. Construction
  - ix. Wholesale Trade
  - x. Retail Trade
  - xi. Hotels and Restaurants
  - xii. Transport
  - xiii. Storage and Warehousing
  - xiv. Communications
  - xv. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate, Business Services
  - xvi. Community, Social and Personal Services
  - xvii. Other
- 13. Per Annum Household Income**
  - i. < 20,000
  - ii. < 60,000
  - iii. < 1.25 lakh
  - iv. < 2.5 lakh
  - v. < 6 lakh
  - vi. > 6 lakh
- 14. Additional Resources**
  - i. Loan
  - ii. Other (share in Central Taxes, Market Borrowings, Negotiated Loans, Provident Fund, etc)
  - iii. Local Credit
  - iv. None
- 15. Unemployed Persons in Household**
  - i. Below Matric
  - ii. Matriculate
  - iii. Undergraduate
  - iv. Graduate
  - v. Postgraduate
  - vi. Diploma/Degree Holder
  - vii. Other Degree Holder
- 16. Household Items Availed Of from Fair Price Shops**
  - i. Cereal
  - ii. Sugar
  - iii. Kerosene Oil
  - iv. None
- 17. Electricity and Toilet Facilities in Household**
  - i. Electricity Available
  - ii. Toilet Available
  - iii. Electricity and Toilet Facility Available
  - iv. Electricity Available but No Toilet
  - v. Toilet Available but No Electricity
  - vi. No Electricity and Toilet Facility
- 18. Jan Suvidha Complexes Availed Of in Neighbourhood**
  - i. Pucca
  - ii. Prefab
  - iii. Mobile Toilet Vans
  - iv. None
  - v. Not Availed
- 19. Water Supply Availability**
  - i. Piped Water Supply
  - ii. Handpumps/Tubewells
  - iii. Skeleton Water Supply
  - iv. Well
  - v. Booster Pumping
  - vi. Reservoir
  - vii. Other (River/Canal/Tank)
- 20. Nature of Water Connection**
  - i. Metered
  - ii. Non-Metered
- 21. Nature of Water Consumption**
  - i. Domestic
  - ii. Commercial/Industrial
- 22. Sanitation Facilities/Sewage**
  - i. Piped
  - ii. Open Drain
  - iii. Field
- 23. Fuel Used for Cooking**
  - i. Cooking Gas
  - ii. Kerosene
  - iii. Dung Cake
  - iv. Wood
  - v. Coal Light, Charcoal
  - vi. Biogas
  - vii. Electricity
  - viii. Crop Residue
  - ix. Crop Cooking
  - x. Others
- 24. Vehicles Owned by Household**
  - i. Car/Jeep
  - ii. Motorcycle/Scooter/Moped
  - iii. Cycle/Cycle Rickshaw
  - iv. Autorickshaw
  - v. Taxi
  - vi. Bus/Mini Bus/Rural Traffic Vehicle
  - vii. Goods Vehicle including Tractor, Trailer, etc
  - viii. None
- 25. Daily Commute By**
  - i. Own Vehicle
  - ii. State Transport (Bus/Metro)
  - iii. Private Transport (Auto/Taxi/etc)
  - iv. Other
- 26. Transport Nodes in Vicinity**
  - i. Bus Stop
  - ii. Bus Terminal
  - iii. Inter-State Bus Terminal
  - iv. Metro Station
- 27. Medical Facilities Availed Of**
  - i. Primary Health Centre (PHC)
  - ii. Sub-Centres attached to PHCs
  - iii. Polyclinic
  - iv. Government Hospital
  - v. Private Hospital
  - vi. Private Clinic
  - vii. Dispensary
  - viii. Veterinary Dispensary
- 28. Literacy Numbers in Household**
  - i. Illiterate [M /F ]
  - ii. Reading/Writing [M /F ]
  - iii. Higher
    - College (B.A./B.Com./B.Sc.) [M /F ]
    - College for Technical Education [M /F ]
    - Polytechnics [M /F ]
    - Basic Training Centre [M /F ]
- 29. Educational Institution Availed Of**
  - i. Government School
  - ii. Government-Aided School
  - iii. Private Educational Institute
- 30. School Dropout in Household**
  - i. Primary [I to V]
  - ii. Middle [VI to VIII]
  - iii. Secondary [VIII to X]
  - iv. Senior Secondary
- 31. Household Communications**
  - i. Owned
    - Television
    - Radio
    - Telephone
    - Internet
    - Mobile Phone
  - ii. Availed of
    - STD/PCO Booth
    - Cyber Cafe
    - Community Television
- 32. Facilities in Vicinity**
  - i. Police-Post/Police Station
  - ii. Fire-Post/Fire Station
  - iii. Telephone Exchange
  - iv. Post Office
- 33. Sports Facilities Availed Of**
  - i. Community Sports Centre
  - ii. District Sports Centre
  - iii. Neighbourhood Playground
  - iv. Housing Playground
  - v. Stadiums
- 34. Any Suchlike Facilities Availed Of**
  - i. Old Age Home
  - ii. Care Centre for Physically/Mentally Challenged
  - iii. Working Women/Men Hostel
  - iv. Night Shelter
  - v. Adult Education Centre
  - vi. Orphanage
- 35. Socio-Cultural Facilities Availed Of**
  - i. Community Hall
  - ii. Banquet Hall
  - iii. Community Recreational Club
  - iv. Recreational Club
  - v. Spiritual Centres
  - vi. Auditoriums
  - vii. Exhibition-cum-Fair ground
  - viii. Museum
- 36. Religious Places Regularly Visited**
  - i. At Neighbourhood Level
  - ii. At Sub-City Level
- 37. Milk Services in Neighbourhood**
  - i. Delhi Milk Scheme
  - ii. Mother Dairy
  - iii. Other
  - iv. None
- 38. Markets Availed Of**
  - i. Local
  - ii. Weekly
  - iii. District
  - iv. Sub-City Level
  - v. Other
- 39. Kind of Livestock Owned by Household**
  - i. Goat
  - ii. Cow
  - iii. Buffalo
  - iv. Sheep
  - v. None

Since 1960, there have been high floods in the Yamuna river in 1967, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1988, 1995 and 1998. Of these, the flood of 1978 has been the highest recorded in the available history of the city — 207.49 m on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September 1978, with a discharge of 7175 cumecs (2,53,350 cusecs) of water. Large areas of several colonies were submerged under deep water; lives were lost and thousands of people rendered homeless; bunds reached breaking point, but were saved by raising their height in certain reaches with bags filled with earth. It has been observed in recent years that the water levels in Delhi for lesser magnitudes of flow are higher than in the past. The next "high flood" in the Yamuna could have very serious consequences for the nation's capital area.