

## A SHOT OF HOPE

# 'Allow drive for 18+ at corpn sites'

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### **New Delhi:**

The three municipal corporations of the city wrote to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday for allowing vaccination of 18+ persons at their centres, especially at sites where the footfall of 45+ years of people is less. The civic bodies are also planning to approach the LG in this regard.

Mayors of North and East Delhi Municipal Corporations said that some centres were receiving less than 70 people daily, resulting in wastage of infrastructure and resources.

“Since these centres have stock of vaccines for at least one week, they can be allowed to give slots to certain number of people above 18 years every day,” said North Corporation mayor Jai Prakash.

“We wrote to the chief minister that there is low turnout at certain polyclinics due to the lockdown. Our existing infrastructure can be used to reduce the rush at newly created centres. Crowding at vaccination centres may further spread Covid,” he explained.

The civic body claimed to have so far vaccinated more than 2 lakh beneficiaries at its health centres.

South Delhi Municipal Corporation leader of house Narendra Chawla said that the Delhi government had closed five of their vaccination centres where people above 45 years were getting inoculated.

“The Delhi government has closed vaccination centres in West Zone’s Raghbir Nagar, Subhash Nagar, Madipur, Tagore Garden and Bindapur. When the entire Delhi is suffering and vaccination is the only remedy, the government is playing politics by closing vaccination centres,” he alleged.

SDMC education committee chairman Mukesh Suryan said that they were ready to offer their infrastructure and services during this crucial time. “We run minimum 2-3 schools in every ward and if vaccination centres are opened in each ward, people will get vaccination facilities closer to their home. We

have written to the Delhi government, but are yet to get any reply,” he said further.

Delhi government officials had on Monday said that the vaccination for 18+ had just started and hence, the number of centres was limited. In future, more centres will be included, they said.