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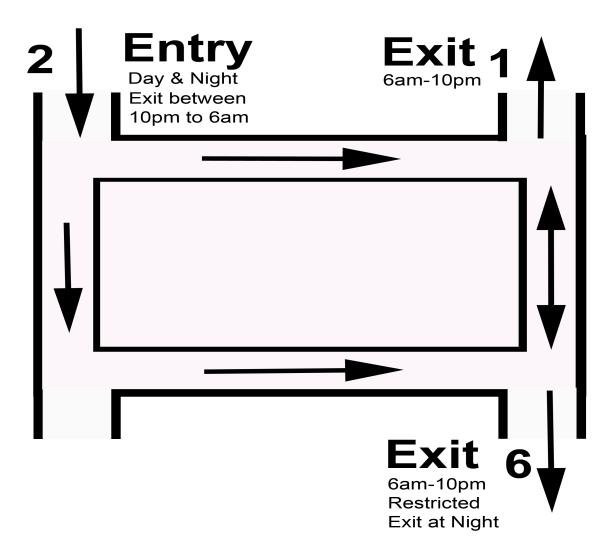
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Dear Residents,

Greetings ! As mentioned earlier, based on requests made by a lot of residents and our own observations, we are opening gate no. 6 with effect from Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 6 am onwards.

ENTRY GATE - Gate no. 2 EXIT GATES – Gate no 1 and 6 To begin with for about 7-8 days both the Exit gates 1 and 6 will remain open through out the day. (6am to 10 pm) Later on based on the flow and Pattern of traffic, if required, a time schedule may be planned for these Exit Gates.



#### What has changed?

# Basically the one way flow of traffic has been reversed to allow exit from gate no. 1 and 6. Entry now is from gate no. 2 and Exit is from Gate no. 1 as well as gate no. 6 for the time being.

#### I will have to travel in opposite direction.

# Yes, some residents will have to travel just a small distance in the opposite direction to head out towards Defence Colony but its a very small distance as compared to the time consuming distance one has to cover while heading towards Siri fort /Niti bagh while exiting from gate 2. (one either has to go all the way upto Ansal Plaza subway or Mother Dairy lane.) Psychologically yes, we will be moving in the opposite direction but in terms of time, it won't matter much.

#### What is the reason of opening Gate no. 6?

# Many residents were facing difficulty due to the closure of gate no. 6. This gate gives easy access to areas in this direction. Otherwise a much longer and time consuming detour needs to be taken.

#### Why not allow entry through Gate no. 6?

# Anyone who wishes to enter the colony can enter through Gate no. 2, on August Kranti marg without having to spend more time. Also, allowing entry would lead to excessive unwanted traffic coming inside.

#### Why didn't we simply open Gate no. 6?

# This gate was closed to avoid trespassing and excessive traffic inside the colony. Simply opening this gate would have led to the same problem again. Hence only for exit.

#### Why will it not lead to excessive traffic now ?

# This Gate will remain in closed or partly closed position. Vehicles will only be allowed to exit the colony but not to Enter.

#### The one way flow has been reversed. Why was it important to do so?

# It was done to enable Exit from gate no. 6. If it was not changed, how could one exit from gate no. 6 while moving in one way only ?

Another reason was that most of the Guests who miss Gate no. 1 end up at Gate no 2 only to find that they can't enter from this gate. Now, anyone who wishes to enter from Gate no. 1 will simply be informed to enter from the next gate i.e Gate no. 2

#### Why can't we keep all the three gates open all through out the day?

# If we had more number of Guards, we could have managed to do so. We have only three Guards during day time and we need one Guard on round or to give a break to the other two Guards on duty. More funds are required to add another Guard, which we currently do not have.

#### What timings will be followed for gates 1 and 6?

# We cannot afford to keep both the Gates open through out the day. We will closely observe the timings and kind of vehicles exiting through both the Gates and see if a pattern is being formed. Based on this pattern we will work out the time schedule for the Exit gates or if possible keep both the exit gates open.

#### Can I exit freely through gate no. 1 or Gate no. 6?

# For security reasons, the Guards may ensure that you are the owner of the car being driven out. It's in your own interest to spend a moment with the Guards while going out so that they get familiar with the residents. This will help them ensure that the cars are not stolen. High definition cameras have been positioned to record the occupants of the vehicles.

#### Which Gate will be open at Night (10pm-6am)?

# Now only Gate no. 2 will be open during night for both <u>Entry and Exit</u> and for <u>Entry only</u> during the day.

#### Can We exit through Gate no. 6 at night ?

# Yes, in case you wish to exit through Gate no. 6 at night we are assuming, it would be a planned trip for example to visit the Airport. In such a situation inform at the Main gate. Simply call up on the Guard's mobile number from your registered mobile /landline number and the Guard will ensure that the Gate is opened for you as per the pre decided time. Only cars with colony stickers under prior intimation will be allowed to go out through this gate.

#### Are we still open to suggestions?

#We did not receive any suggestions from the residents except one or two which were already considered while taking the decisions. Primarily a concern was shown that opening the gate 6 will add to trespassing. We already have kept this in mind and kept this gate only for exit. On the other hand while due to certain unavoidable unforeseen technical reasons, the opening of the Gate was delayed, (Gate was scheduled to open on 23<sup>rd</sup> September) we received several requests during this period to open the gate at the earliest, which further assured that this was a good decision in the interest and the convenience of the residents. We will further look at things in retrospect and see how everything can be best managed.

#### How would outsiders know of the changes?

# The signboards with proper directions will be in place to guide the Guests.

### But there will be two way traffic on a small stretch along the Park between the exit gates.

# Yes but in days to come we will restrict taxis /Autos without passengers to move only in one direction. So two way will be quite restricted.

#### What are the new features in nutshell?

# During the day - Entry is from Gate no. 2 and exit from gate no. 6 and gate no. 1. During Night – Exit from Gate no. 2 and Exit from Gate no. 6 under prior intimation well in advance by the concerned residents.

#### What is the objective of the car sticker?

# The car sticker allows you free and fast access while entering. However, while exiting, the Guard needs to ensure that you are the actual owner / Authorized Driver of the vehicle being driven out. So make sure that you have affixed the sticker.

# I feel it is inconvenient for me that the guards ensure that I am the authorized person to drive out the vehicle.

# It's all being done for your own benefit. If you feel it's not required for you, simply do not affix the colony car sticker.

#### I do not wish to follow this new rule.

# It's been done after a lot of study and survey. If you wish not to follow the new system, do let us know by simply dropping an email. We do have a list of House numbers and car numbers which have habitually been using the wrong gate for entry and exit. There are two choices. Either all rules can be scrapped for everyone or in the larger interest residents can follow rules formed for their own benefit, ignoring few people who wish not to follow them. For some residents if Entry distance won't be shorter, Exit will certainly be shorter and vice versa. If Entry was closer in the old system, Exit will be closer now.

# I need to pick up my son/daughter from the Bus stop adjoining Gate no. 1 or across the main road.

# The new system makes it easier for you to do so.

#### What are the disadvantages of not following the rules - old or new

# The CCTV cameras are specifically positioned at a lower level to monitor the vehicles / drivers in specific directions only. It's in your own interest to follow the directions to avoid any mishap. The Guards are being sensitised to check that only the authorised person is allowed to drive the vehicle out of the colony.

#### Shouldn't the Guards ask and enforce the Entry - Exit rules?

# Besides the guards, even the RWA members have tried but failed to convince the residents who habitually move in the wrong direction. Think of it, are we paying the Security Guards just for trying to stop few residents while others are following the rules.

#### Will there be any further changes?

# Yes, there may or may not be minor changes after about 7-8 days based on our experience and your feedback. Same will be intimated.

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Thanking you, Sincerely,