



More U.P. districts get new ambulance service
 Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav launched the second phase of emergency medical transport system by flagging off 300 ambulances in Lucknow on Sunday. Page 5

No compromise on corruption, says Advani
 Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader L. K. Advani has called upon party men to show commitment towards providing good governance and clean politics. Page 9



IN A MESS: Within seven years of a major renovation by Delhi Development Authority, Bhikaji Cama Place has again returned to a state of neglect and filth. (Left) In some parts of the complex, the ramps have been blocked by parked cars and converted into garbage dumps. (Right) Roads in the complex are overflowing with sewer water making walking next to impossible.

Bhikaji Cama Place a symbol of 'utter disdain for public property': Accessibility audit

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NEW DELHI: A recently conducted walkability and accessibility audit of the District Centre Complex at Bhikaji Cama Place has revealed that within seven years of a major renovation at the place by Delhi Development Authority, this commercial complex has again returned to a state of neglect and filth.

The survey conducted by Svayam, National Centre for Inclusive Environments, has taken a close look at the infrastructure or the lack of it in the complex which had come up in 1980 on the basis of the Master Plan of Delhi 1960.

Spread over an area of 35 acres, it comprises commer-



actually blocking the ramp.

At many places, it was also revealed that the "ramps have become garbage dumping places due to blockage" (as near HP showroom on August Kranti Marg side). Worse still, in some parts of the complex the ramps have been blocked and converted into garbage dumps.

Entrance to accessible parking encroached

The barrier free environment of the complex has also been compromised by the manner in which the accessible parking, which was made at the ramped entrance from Ansal Chamber - I side has been encroached, the survey said.

Further, it noted that "there was no aisle space for the wheelchair users to dis-