

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND WILDLIFE
GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
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Advisory: Promoting Use of Mechanical and Robotic Elephants in the NCT of Delhi.

It is noticed that live captive elephants are sometimes brought from different regions for religious and cultural events under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. However, public safety concerns, animal welfare, and logistical challenges associated with the use of live elephants in crowded urban settings like Delhi cannot be overstated.

It is therefore advised that religious institutions, temple committees, event organizers, and devotees consider the use of mechanical or robotic elephants during ceremonies and festivals instead of live captive elephants.

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Copy for information to:

1. The PCCF, Dept. of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
2. The CF, Dept. of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
3. The DCF (HQ)/ Wild Life Officer, Dept. of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. The DCF (P&M), Department of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
5. The DCFs/Wild Life Warden (North, South, Central, West), Dept. of Forests and Wildlife, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
6. Sh. Vikram Chandravanshi, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, PETA India with respect to his letter dated 9th July, 2026.
7. I/c Department's Website.
8. Notice Board