

# A Quiet CM, Free Rice, Defecation & Monumental Errors

Beginning with April Fool's Day – this month of April has been crazy. No! Our man AK did not apologize to anyone else this month. AK seems to have moved on since most of his adversaries have been offered a 'sorry'.

The spectacle was created by the grand old party of India by deciding that it doesn't like the Chief Justice of Supreme Court anymore and impregnated thoughts of his impeachment in the overworked minds of the people. While Dilliwalahs were trying to fathom what's next – another Delhi citizen, currently loaned to Puducherry's Governor's House, stood up to recommend that families entitled to free rice will not get it unless they can produce a certificate that their



The iconic Red Fort in New Delhi.

village is open-defecation free. May be she felt that this way she can actually reduce the per-capita volume of excreta and please the top hierarchy sitting on their bums at Lok Kalyan Marg. Boy, April surely does something to Delhi and Dilliwalahs.

The Ministry of Tourism head-

quartered in Delhi, on its part joined in April madness and issued Letters of Intent to companies to manage some of our monuments. Suddenly managing monuments appeared to be a monumental task for this government. That you have a NBCC managing Purana Qila is

palatable but how does one accept Jantar Mantar being managed by a SBI Foundation (those NPAs notwithstanding)?

Your beloved Red Fort, Dilliwalahs, will be now managed by Dalmias. The day is not far when the PM's address on 15th of August will open up with a sponsors' message or it is even likely that the event may get a title sponsor tag – 'India's Independence Day Celebrations powered by Dalmias!'

The customary end of the speech slogan from the ramparts may even have an altered scream: Jai Dalmia! Gosh, April does something to us! And if it's because of the heat – then it is really scary to think what a hotter May or June would bestow

up on us.

StateOfDelhi Suggests: So if you venture out to Red Fort before the Dalmia takeover then StateOfDelhi suggests that you hop on to a rickshaw and go to the other end of Chandni Chowk – to Fatehpuri Masjid. From there take a right turn and some 60 yards ahead you will land up in front of Giani Di Hatti.

This is the place to be in summers to sample their amazing Rabri-falooda.

The rabri is authentic and the falooda blends with it wonderfully along with the crushed ice to give your taste-buds a cool sweet-treat that one doesn't get anywhere else in Delhi. - <http://stateofdelhi.in> Pic: Vahini via Wikimedia Commons

## Why Should Brampton Taxpayers Spend \$150M For A Varsity?

By: Surjit Singh Flora

On April 19, Brampton and GTA leaders celebrated the big announcement about a major University infrastructure project. Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, along with Harinder Malhi, MPP and Minister of the Status of Women, announced the establishment of a new Ryerson University campus, with Sheridan College as an academic partner, in downtown Brampton.

"We have built a strong part-

nership with Ryerson and Sheridan," said Paul Aldunate, project manager of the university initiative. It's slated to open for classes in the Fall of 2022. The new campus will be built adjacent to the downtown GO Station.

The city and province has just delivered a big lollipop to the citizens of Brampton, timed for the provincial election. At the risk of sounding cynical, I can't help but suspect this little bit of theatre is meant to divert the attention of Bramptonians from the economic woes of our city,

councillors' vote to increase their salaries - to keep up with Mississauga. Bramptonians rightly ask that 'let's match the property tax and auto insurance as well.'

Now, don't get me wrong. I, like many, believe a university campus is something Brampton needs badly. Many parents are excited at the thought of their children getting post-secondary education in their own city.

What we do know is that there is \$90 million provincial funding. And from September 2017, Brampton's commitment of up to

\$150 million for the university.

But let's see how much other cities paid to get these facilities?

What did Mississauga tax payers give for Credit Valley Hospital? None!

Trillium hospital? None!

Brampton paid \$60 million for Peel Memorial and zero beds!

What did Mississauga pay for University of Toronto? Nothing.

What did Mississauga pay for Sheridan campus? Nothing.

What did former Mayor Fennell commit to Sheridan to add and expand in Brampton? Only

\$2.5 Million over 5 years.

What has Mayor Jeffrey paid for what every other community gets FREE as part of provincial responsibility. ...\$150 Million of property tax dollars!?

If Brampton citizens had a voice they would vote NO on spending this \$150 million.

Now we can look forward to a future of more tax levies for health care, university, and other lollipops the city or province throws at Brampton to win our votes with our own money. That makes us all a bunch of suckers!

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