Dissatisfied with AAP, 15 MCD councillors float new political outfit; AAP alleges BJP hand

PTI, NEW DELHI: In a setback for AAP in Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), 15 councillors resigned from the party on Saturday and announced the formation of a new Indraprastha Vikas Party, citing stalled development work and growing internal discon-

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), however, alleged that the ruling BJP was behind the defections and its councillors were offered Rs five crore each as part of a "horse-trading opera-

The BIP's Delhi unit rejected the charge, saying the councillors who have left AAP have themselves made it clear that "they were fed up with the party's policies that hampered development and encouraged corrup-

Senior councillor Mukesh Goyal, who will head the new party, told PTI, "In the two and a half years since our election, no development work has been carried out. The party (AAP) was too busy with internal conflicts and blame games."

He claimed councillors were not given budgets for developmental work and asserted that the new

outfit aims to focus on public welfare and the smooth functioning of the MCD. The move, he said, was confined to the civic body and not aimed at state-lev-

el politics. Reacting to the resigna-

tion of the AAP councillors and the formation of a new political outfit, Delhi Mayor Sardar Raja Iqbal Singh said it has exposed the "corruption and autocratic functioning" within the Aam Aadmi Party.

Leftist unity without ideological clarity can be counter-productive: Nepal PM Oli into leftist unity without

PTI, KATHMANDU: Nepal's Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli on Saturday cautioned that uniting leftist forces without a shared ideological foundation could be detrimental to the communist movement.

"It will be meaningless to bring those who have turned to many directions

proper ideological understanding," Oli said while addressing a programme organised here to mark the 32nd death anniversary of former CPN-UML general

secretary Madan Bhandari. He highlighted a persistent tendency within the

communist movement to

oppose even just initiatives and to create discord, noting that divisions often arise from personal interests rather than genuine ideological differences.

"It is on this foundation that we must work to fulfil the national aspiration of a prosperous Nepal and happy Nepalis," he said.























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