

New old-age home to come up at Paschim Vihar, city's fourth

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New Delhi: Delhi government is likely to open a new old-age home in west Delhi's Paschim Vihar soon, taking the total number of such facilities in the capital to four.

Officials said the construction of the five-storeyed geriatric care building is complete and final touches are being given to the centre. The new residential home for the city's elderly living the lives of destitute will be able to accommodate 96 persons.

Delhi government's social welfare department currently operates old age homes in Bindapur, Wazirpur and Kanti Nagar while eight others, including the one in Paschim Vihar, are at various stages of planning and construction.

According to officials, destitute men and women above 60 years, who are bona fide residents of Delhi and do not have anyone to support them, are eligible to stay in old age homes provided they do not suffer from any infectious

SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER SAYS

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or communicable disease.

"We are setting up more centres to ensure our elderly who do not have any kind of support live a peaceful life and do not face any kind of inconvenience. We will make cutting edge facilities available free of cost to senior citizens at old age homes," Delhi social welfare minister Raj Kumar Anand said.

"Though we do not want anyone to feel the need to shift to an old age residence as the place cannot provide the sense of belonging and safety found at home, those who are forced to, should re-

ceive all the homelike facilities, as we feel the true measure of any society can be found in how it cares for its elderly members," he added.

Anand said the government has planned the location of old age homes in such a way that they are evenly spread across the city. While the one at Paschim Vihar is expected to open within this month, construction of the Sarita Vihar home is going on in full swing and may become ready for opening in the end of 2024 or early 2025.

The officials of social welfare department said they will soon have a meeting with the public works department where a powerpoint presentation on the concept for Vasant Kunj, Janakpuri, Rohini and Geeta Colony would be made. These homes would take a little over a year to be built from the date construction begins. The social welfare department has sought an alternate piece of land from Delhi Development Authority in Chhatrapur for the home.

MCD to lift 31,989 MT waste along 105km rly tracks by March 2024

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) claimed to have removed 9,106 metric tonnes of waste lying on both sides of 105-km-long railway tracks till November 15.

The civic body has tied up with railways to ensure sanitation around the tracks. During a joint inspection with Northern Railway officials in June, MCD assessed total waste along the 105-km track in Delhi as 31,989 metric tonnes. It has formed teams for continuing the drive to dispose of waste scientifically.

"To ensure cleanliness around the railway tracks, MCD is conducting a special cleanliness drive in collaboration with the Northern Railway. Under this, the municipal solid waste (MSW) lying on both sides of the railway track is being cleared and disposed of scientifically," said the official, adding that a detailed road-map to remove the remaining 22,883 MT MSW lying along the track by March 31, 2024 has been prepared in coordination with the railways.


The work of lifting garbage from both sides of the tracks from Hazrat Nizamuddin to Lodhi Colony station, Lodhi Colony to Okhla station, Okhla to Badarpur Border station, and Nizamuddin to Janata Camp station is being done by MCD's Central zone, which would complete it by January 31.

At the same time, the collection of garbage lying near the railway line from Bijwasan to Sagarpur flyover will be completed within a day or two by Najafgarh zone. The work from Shahdara station to Saboli Halt in Shahdara North zone will be over by next month. The garbage lifting work from Peeragarhi to Nangloi in Rohini zone and from Azadpur to Narela railway line in Civil Lines zone has almost been completed. The work of lifting MSW from the railway line in Keshav Puram zone will be completed by January 31.

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