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Novelties galore in corporation Budget

She Lodge proposal goes a long way in ensuring women's safety

The Kozhikode Municipal Corporation proposes to construct a 'She Lodge' near the railway station for the convenience of travelling women. Presenting the Budget for the year 2017-18, Deputy Mayor Meera Darshak said Rs. 50 lakh had been set aside for the project, which will come up on the corporation land.

She Lodge is among the many novelties in the Budget. Rs. 25 lakh has been earmarked for a solar power plant at the corporation office. Rs. 1 crore has been set aside for the Kidson Corner renovation project, which includes a garden, multi-level parking, and a commercial complex.

The Budget proposes to convert the Corporation Health Dispensary at West Hill into a health complex with Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic, and Allopathic treatment available under one roof. The complex will also have a mini-library and a garden.

Rs. 1 crore has been set apart for the project.

The Bachelor's Quarters at Vellayil will be demolished to construct a new one along with a commercial complex.

The corporation is also planning projects under Kudumbasree CDS, including a micro-emerging fund, which will help members earn livelihood, besides encouraging new entrepreneurs. Rs. 1 lakh has been earmarked for supply of nutrition kits to HIV positive people under the Kudumbasree's special neighbourhood groups.

The Budget proposes 'Abhayam', a new housing scheme, to provide financial help of Rs. 2.5 lakh to five homeless people in every ward. Rs. 9.37 crore has been set aside for the project.