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Police complex to get solid waste management system soon

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Voluntary agency ropes in members of women SHG to collect garbage

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Towards a model township: Members of self-help groups clearing debris as part of the mass cleaning programme at Polie Complex.

PUDUCHERRY: If the police department puts its act together, the police complex at Gorimedu, one of the largest Government quarters in the Union Territory, could soon achieve the distinction of being the first residential area in Puducherry to have a proper solid waste management system in place.

Till a few months ago, the complex, which had 490 quarters for police personnel, suffered from poor waste management system.

With complaints pouring in, the Police Headquarters made a special request to the Oulgaret Municipality to ensure that the complex was free of garbage.

As a long-term measure, the municipality and the police department decided to hand over the task of garbage collection, disposal and management to a private agency. According to Municipal officials, the colony generated about 500 kg of organic waste and two tonnes of inorganic waste every day.

A Chennai-based non-Governmental organisation, which was assigned the job, had launched a mass cleaning programme a few days ago. Now the voluntary agency had plans to start

collecting garbage at source. The civic body would assist the agency by supplying bins for segregation of garbage at source and construct a yard for vermi-composting.

The Municipality had already supplied a total of 400 bins, official sources told *The Hindu*. Once the yard was constructed, the NGO would launch the programme. As per the solid waste management rules, green bins would be used to collect organic waste and red bins for inorganic waste.

The voluntary agency roped in the services of a 13-member women Self-Help group (SHG) to collect garbage from the apartments and to transport them to the yard. Each member of the SHG would be given Rs.1,500 per month, a representative of the NGO said.

The agency has fixed a monthly fee of Rs.20 for constables, Rs.30 for head constables and Rs.40 for officers for clearing the garbage.

Senior Superintendent of Police B. Srikanth, who is in-charge of the Police Complex, said the Department wanted to make the complex “a model township”. The Department would monitor the work on a daily basis.

However, many of the residents felt that steps had to be taken to tackle two other issues — disposal of sewage and the stray dog menace.

Some of the constables were of the view that the fee fixed for garbage clearance could be reduced.

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