

# HOMELESSNESS IN INDIA

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### GOVT TO HONE SKILLS OF HOMELESS

India, Jan. 11 -- Dedicated to the homeless people of the national Capital, ten skill development centres set up by the Delhi Government were jointly by Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday. This was for the first time that the two appeared together publicly since Bajjal assumed office. Speaking at the event in West Delhi's Tilak Nagar area, Bajjal complimented...

### Crackdown on drugs, free houses to homeless Dalits/SCs/OBCs, one job in every family highlights of Punjab Cong manifesto



New Delhi, Jan. 8 -- Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today released the Congress party's manifesto for the Punjab assembly polls which promises crackdown on drugs and other mafias, free houses to homeless, Dalits/SCs/OBCs, one job in every family, time-bound steps to bolster employment and...

### Out cold in ill-equipped night shelters: Sorry state of Gurgaon's homeless



India, Jan. 16 -- A portable night shelter that opened last week remains closed, while the roof and floor at another has seepage leading to people sleeping on wet mattresses. One shelter has virtually no occupants for fear of anti-social elements on the prowl, while construction of an underpass has cut electricity to another and the toilets in some are locked as...

## CURBING HOMELESSNESS

### Land for 50 lakh homeless is CM's New Year resolution



India, Nov. 29 -- MP chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who has completed 11 years in office, on Monday said his New Year resolution would be to provide around 50 lakh landless residents of the state with space for house construction.

Speaking to Hindustan Times at his official residence on Shyamla Hills, Chouhan said the government would prioritise the issue because he can't stand to see people living without roofs over their heads. When asked where the land was going to come from, he said there was no reason why the poor...

### Kerala launches project to provide 2 lakh houses for the homeless



India, Sept. 20 -- The Kerala government on Tuesday announced an ambitious programme 'Sampoorna Bhavanam' aimed at ensuring dwellings for all in the state.

### Guv visits night shelters in City



India, Dec. 30 -- Chandigarh Administrator V P Singh Badnore has made a surprise visit to temporary night shelters, set up by the Social Welfare Department late last night to take stock of the general upkeep of these...

### MCG converts six buses to night shelters in Gurgaon



India, Jan. 8 -- Equipped with mattresses, blankets and portable toilets, the Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon (MCG) will install unused buses as night shelters across the city to shield the homeless from the cold. Six Haryana Roadway have been procured for...

## EDITORIALS

### India must ensure that homeless people have access to housing options



India, Aug. 20 -- India has the largest number of urban poor and landless people in the world. The Hindustan Times' special series on Delhi's homeless people documents how they battle rape, stigma and drugs on a daily basis. According to the 2011 census, approximately 13.75 million households or approximately 65-70 million people reside in urban slums. In some cities, such as Mumbai, those...

### A little planning can save thousands when facing extreme weather conditions



India, Jan. 16 -- Poorly-built shelters, the lack of proper blankets and sanitation facilities are something we hear about every year come the intense cold. And this is in Delhi which is comparatively better off than many other towns and cities. According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), more than 1,600 people died due to extreme weather conditions across India last year, with the severe heat wave claiming 40% of the total deaths.

## DELHI GOVT'S INITIATIVES

### ▶ Delhi govt installs geysers at 20 night shelters for homeless

India, Jan. 10 -- The Delhi government has decided to set up geysers for the homeless at night shelters. To begin with, geysers have been installed at 20 such shelters where the homeless will be able to use...

### ▶ Delhi govt launches mobile app to help homeless in winter

Delhi, Dec. 5 -- The Delhi government has launched a mobile-based application to rescue homeless people during winter. According to the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), users can download...

### ▶ Winter action plan for Delhi's homeless ready

Delhi, Nov. 2 -- As winter approaches, the Delhi government is gearing up to provide the homeless proper care in night shelters. The government's action plan for the homeless includes measures such as...

### ▶ Delhi govt to build 15,000 houses for homeless

Delhi, May. 11 -- In order to provide houses for all, the Delhi government is planning to build urban houses for over 15,000 homeless people. Sources said the urban development department was preparing a...

## PHOTOS



Homeless people at Rain Basera near Bank of Yamuna, in New Delhi, India, January 2014 on Wednesday.

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Is the Delhi government turning a blind eye to the homeless?

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