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Livelihood centres set to become operational soon



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The much-delayed City Livelihood Centres of the GVMC are expected to be operational soon, offering a number of services to citizens.

Masonry, carpentry, electrical, ceiling works, two and four-wheeler repair, computers hardware and software, tailoring, healthcare supply and catering are among the 20-25 services that would be offered for a charge.

Eight CLCs are proposed under the Central Government-sponsored National Urban Livelihoods Mission. Though the centres were sanctioned as early as in January 2014 and money released, they could not be launched as the necessary infrastructure was not ready, it was learnt.

The GVMC that runs the centres under its Urban Community Development (UCD) wing has buildings. But delay has occurred as the infrastructure required for necessary infrastructure like furniture and computers have not been made. Now the infrastructure is in place, it is learnt.

In each of the zones, 40-50 persons are identified through self-help groups to provide the services. Presently, they are being given training by APITCO. It will also conduct a test and give certificates.

In a week to 10 days, the centres are expected to be ready for launch.

“The approach will be that of a call centre. Those requiring the services should call specifying the service they need,” said an official.

Competitive rates

Now, minimum charges have to be fixed for the services. The exact charges are difficult to be specified as the exact nature of work differs.

However, competitive rates are being finalised and, for the purpose, details at Srikakulam, where the services are being offered now, are being studied, say sources.

However, the government support for the CLCs will be only for a year. After that, workers who tie-up with the centres have to set apart a certain percent of the fee received to run the centres.