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## Corporation to organise adalats

A welfare pension adalat and birth, death and marriage adalat to be held this month

After the town planning adalat to dispose of pending building permit applications, the city Corporation is getting ready to take care of pending files in two more sections by organising adalats.

The local body will be organising a welfare pension adalat over three days and an adalat for birth, death and marriage registrations over five days.

The Corporation, on an average, gets applications for around 1,60,000 birth, death and marriage registrations every year.

Out of this around 3,000-3,500 will remain as pending cases due to various issues. Usually, when there are discrepancies or mistakes in applications, a notice is sent to the applicant.

When the applicant fails to respond, the files remain pending.

There are cases which cannot be resolved even if the applicant responds. Files from the years 2014 and 2015 will be considered for the adalat.

“There have been cases in which someone who has gone in for a second marriage, wanted to change the name of the parent in the birth certificate of their child from the first marriage. We cannot make such changes, as only the names of the biological parents can be given in the birth certificate. Then there are those rare cases where the birth has not happened in a hospital, although such cases have come down in recent years. We have to be extra careful in birth, death and marriage registrations, as there are chances of fraud happening in it. At the adalat, such doubtful cases will be rejected,” says a Corporation official. The adalat for welfare pensions is being organised to resolve issues that have cropped up recently due to which many beneficiaries who were drawing pension have stopped getting it.

The State government had, after increasing the monthly pension amount recently, organised a drive to update data of all pensioners online to avoid duplication and to prevent

people from drawing more than one pension.

Out of the close to 68,000 welfare pension beneficiaries in the city Corporation, around 7,000 stopped getting pension after this.

The issue had led to minor uproars in the Corporation council meetings with the councillors from various wards saying that they have been receiving several complaints from people in their wards, about not getting pension.

These issues are expected to be sorted out in the pension adalat.

The birth, death and marriage adalat will be held on May 18, 19, 20, 30 and 31.

The welfare pension adalat will be held on May 22, 23 and 24.

## **Submission till May 15**

Applications for the same can be submitted till 5.30 p.m. on May 15, at the Corporation main office, zonal offices or through councillors.

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***1.6 lakh birth, death, marriage registrations every year***

***7,000 stopped getting welfare pension after data update***