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## **Avadi Municipality upgrading health posts**

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CHENNAI: Avadi Municipality has started upgrading the infrastructure of its health posts.

A senior municipal official said three of the five health posts are being improved at a total cost of Rs.21 lakh. On an average, about 500 patients visited these facilities every day. Besides treatment for common ailments, they also provide maternity care.

About 40 per cent of the work to construct a new building for the Paruthipattu health post has been completed. The facility being built at a cost of Rs.8 lakh would be ready to use in two months.

The health post at Thirumullaivoyal, which is dilapidated, would be demolished to accommodate a new structure. The centre is now functioning on rented premises. More facilities such as equipment and

additional rooms would be provided at the Mitnamalli health centre that is running out of space.

About Rs.5 lakh has been allocated towards the work that would get over in six months, the official said.

Nearly Rs.18 lakh has been spent on providing facelift to similar centres at Thandurai and Vizhignampakkam. Besides improving facilities at operation theatre in Vizhignampakkam health post, more amenities have been added at the AIDS counselling centre.

“We plan to computerise the network in all five health posts. One health post caters for residents living in areas in 5-to-8 km radius,” the official said.