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North corpn to develop 33 more mini-forests

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New Delhi: After successfully developing a mini-forest in congested urban areas at 17 places, including Karol Bagh and Keshavpuram, the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) has proposed to develop 33 more sites, spreading over 62 acres in phase II of the project.

The concept of an urban forest has been introduced to increase green cover. At these forests, saplings of different varieties of trees are planted close to each other and walkways are provided for visitors. No artificial grassing or ornamental features are added. The idea is to give a wild look, attract different species and develop natural flora and fauna, said horticulture director Ashish Priyadarshi .

“Best part about phase II of the project is that we have identified four spots in city-SP as well as nine spots in Civil Lines zones. These zones have congested colonies and there is a desperate need of fresh air. Even if these are small patches of land, we will make best efforts to do dense plantations here. Most of the parks identified were either barren or unattended by locals,” said the official.

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“These areas will have proper boundaries and gates and no benches would be installed to dissuade walkers from sitting unnecessarily,” said the official.