Delhi's Waste Landmark Gets a Remarkable Second Life, Patel Chest Turns Waste into Wonder

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Breathing new life into a forgotten space through circularity and community engagement, Patel Chest in Delhi – a dhalao ghar until recently has been re-imagined as an RRR Centre, under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.



For years, a corner near Delhi University's Patel Chest was known for only one thing, waste. The old Dhalao Ghar served as a collection point for garbage, a place people passed by without a second glance. But under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, that forgotten space was destined for a remarkable second life.

In a unique transformation led by DMSWSL in association with MCD Civil Lines Zone, the abandoned waste collection site was reimagined as an RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Centre and Selfie Point. What was once a symbol of disposal, became a celebration of sustainability.



The makeover itself told a powerful story. Around 45 discarded tyres and more than 3,000 used bricks were creatively repurposed to build an attractive public space. Materials once considered waste were transformed into colourful installations, proving that with creativity and purpose, yesterday's discards can become tomorrow's landmarks.

Today, students walking through Delhi University stop not to avoid the site, but to admire it. The vibrant Selfie Point attracts visitors, sparking conversations about sustainability and encouraging people to rethink the value of items they often throw away.

Beside it stands the RRR Centre, where citizens donate unused clothes, books, toys, and e-waste. Instead of ending up in landfills, these items are channelled towards reuse, refurbishment, and responsible recycling, extending their life and benefiting the community.



RRR Centre for citizens to donate unused clothes, books, toys

The transformation is more than a facelift. It is a living lesson in the circular economy, where waste is not an end point but the beginning of something new.

Today, the former Dhalao Ghar stands as a reminder that change is possible. A place once associated with waste now inspires action, awareness, and participation.

Because in the spirit of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, even a waste collection point can become a destination, a conversation starter, and a symbol of how cities can turn waste into worth.

Every discarded item has a story left to tell. At Patel Chest, Delhi, those stories have found a new stage.

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