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Hospital for mentally ill at Dahisar soon

By a Staff Reporter

ALMOST one lakh mentally ill destitutes in the city are likely to get some succour, with a hospital being constructed at Dahisar.

According to Dr Bharat Watwani, a psychiatrist at Borivali, the destitutes generally suffer from schizophrenia after losing touch with reality.

This can be caused either by a emotional blow like losing a family member, or internal changes in the brain. "Even professionals can be affected," he explained. Such persons wander on streets, laugh and talk to themselves, and lose sense of dressing or combing their hair, he said adding that some women in this condition are even seen nude at public places.

"People are scared of going near

such patients, but it is the affected person who is more scared," he said.

According to Dr Watwani, a 30-bed hospital will be soon set up at Dahisar with part of the construction already complete.

A large number of donors have offered to help, he said, adding that this will help create awareness among people about the plight of the patients.