

Elephant Rehabilitation Centre

India's first elephant rehabilitation centre is to be set up in Kottoor, Kerala.

- It is being planned on the lines of the **Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage** in Sri Lanka.
- Rehabilitation centre is aimed at providing protection to abandoned, orphaned, injured and older elephants.
- It is planning to give an opportunity for people to know more about elephants and will be a boon for wildlife researchers and veterinary students.
- The rehabilitation centre is expected to have an elephant museum, mahout training center, super-specialty hospital, a retirement home and crematorium for the animals.
- Recently India has also opened its first <u>water clinic</u> for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments at a wildlife SOS Elephant Hospital, Mathura, UP.

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