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Delhi Riot Survivors Fed Their Neighbours During Lockdown

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When lockdown followed the northeast Delhi riots, residents who had suffered losses themselves began feeding people whose livelihoods had collapsed. In Moonga Nagar and Shiv Vihar, a home kitchen and grocery distributions brought food to riot survivors and daily-wage households.



Virendra Kumar (in orange, on the right) has been helping other riot-hit in Moonga Nagar of northeast Delhi

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The violence left Virendra Kumar's home damaged. Next door, fire gutted a furniture workshop and destroyed the upstairs home where its security guard lived with his family.
- Kumar set up a temporary kitchen at home with cousins and neighbours. He said they prepared cooked food for about a thousand people at a time.
- Shiv Vihar resident Vijay Kashyap secured Rs 20,000 from a welfare organisation and used it to distribute kitchen essentials to about 15 families in urgent need.
- ASHA worker Vandana Gupta and her elder son bought and packed groceries for about 20 families. She said her work helped her identify who needed help most.

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