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## Foundation stone for 24x7 drinking water supply project laid down in Raichur



Minister For Urban Development, Vinay Kumar Sorake unveiling the foundation stone for 24x7 drinking water supply scheme outside Pt. Siddarama Jambaladinni auditorium in Raichur on Monday.

The long pending demand for providing round-the-clock drinking water to Raichur city gained momentum with Minister For Urban Development Vinay Kumar Sorake laying down foundation stone for the project here on Monday.

Rs. 117 crore project is being implemented under Asian Development Bank (ADB), and is estimated to come up within 2.5 years. As per the agreement, a Gurgaon-based company, which had bagged the contract, would have to maintain the project for another 5 years after the completion.

The project includes a jackwell, 11 kms rising-main (main water-supply pipe of 800 mm diameter), purification plant and water distribution network in the city. Raichur city's current consumption of drinking water is 35 million litres per day (MLD) and the project is designed to supply 45 MLD taking into account the increase in consumption in the next ten years. The existing water supply system would completely be replaced by the new project with new machinery, equipments and other materials.

Meanwhile, the minister also announced that a project of implementing Underground Drainage System would soon be implemented at the cost of Rs. 62 crores in the city.

“We have also allocated Rs. 2.24 crores for developing Aam Talab lake. A proposal to develop five slums in the city has been sent to Union Government seeking financial assistance of Rs. 38.25 crores under Rajiv Awas Yojana,” he said.