

# After long halt, corpn resumes civic work to get monsoon-ready

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**Chennai:** Greater Chennai Corporation is slowly resuming civic work that had piled up during the lockdown. Commissioner G Prakash held a meeting last week instructing all engineers and zonal officials to complete pending projects.

Pre-monsoon work under the Chennai mega city development fund has started. Construction of drains in T Nagar under the smart city project began last week while 37 tenders have been floated for road restoration. Of the 47 ponds to be restored at ₹103 crore cost, work has begun in 21 locations. Road restoration and stormwater drain construction has also begun in six zones.

Under the smart city project, the corporation has started preparing detailed project report for the integrated transport management project, smart parking system and river restoration projects. Other World Bank-funded projects will be also be taken up, said an engineer.

“Under the Tamil Nadu

Urban Road Infrastructure Fund, work on 674 bus route roads were to be taken up of which 164 had been completed. Work on 96 roads were ongoing, that will begin now,” said L Nandakumar, chief engineer. 4.4km stormwater drain work across several prime roads will begin.

“We will resume restoration of 140 city lakes that had been halted due to the pandemic. With the schools to hold Class X board exams, we have also asked officials concerned to complete repair work in various schools,” said another official.

Under the solid waste management, construction of a 50-tonne bio-CNG plant under a public—private partnership has begun. The private company will collect, process organic waste and profit from selling it. Work on Kodangaiyur incineration plant will begin this week.

Social distancing, safety and hygiene will be maintained at all work sites. “All workers will be provided with masks, gloves and hand sanitisers,” said Prakash.