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Corpn. efforts to improve conditions in schools

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Focus on inculcating the habit of reading in students

COIMBATORE: Apart from career guidance for students from classes IX to Plus-Two in its schools, the Coimbatore Corporation wants to improve their skills in various other fields. One of these is the habit of reading in order to be up-to-date on current affairs.

The Corporation Council's Standing Committee on Education, Parks and Playgrounds passed resolutions to this effect at its meeting on Friday. Committee Chairman R. Kalyanasundaram presided over the meeting.

The committee approved a proposal by the Corporation to provide shoes and socks to students from Classes I to V. Sanitary napkin vending machines would also be installed in all the schools that had girl students. This would be part of the health-related initiatives of the Corporation to benefit the students of its more than 80 schools.

The committee also ratified the Corporation's move to subscribe an English newspaper to

inculcate the habit of reading in the students in 26 of its schools.

Each of these schools would be provided with 50 copies of the newspaper every day. This was to enable students to learn English under the extra reading concept and also improve their knowledge of current affairs.

All these proposals would be placed before the Corporation Council for its approval, Mr. Kalyanasundaram said.