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## **Corpn to give uniforms to 450 nursery students**

There are nine such institutions under the civic body

The City Corporation will be providing uniforms to the students in all the nine nursery schools that it runs.

The uniform distribution, which is being taken up in association with the Kerala State Handloom Development Corporation (Hanveev), will be done soon after the Onam holidays, says S.Unnikrishnan, the Chairman of the local body's Education Standing Committee.

“We are using money from the Corporation's own funds as the District Planning Committee did not give us approval for the project. Since it is meant for children from the weaker sections, we thought of using our own funds. An amount of Rs. 9 lakh has been set aside for the project,” says Mr.Unnikrishnan.

There are close to 450 students across the nine nursery schools of the city Corporation.

These schools have been facing dwindling student strength.

The local body has taken up various measures, including the improvement of infrastructure facilities to attract more students.

## **Loses control**

Earlier this year, it lost control of its nursery school at Kamaleswaram after a temple committee went to court staking claim on it.

“The Corporation has been running the school in Kamaleswaram for several decades. But, in recent years, the committee of the adjacent temple began raising claims for the school. They went to the court and won control. The school is now locked down. But, to compensate for that, we immediately opened another nursery school in a location close by. It now has 18 students,” says Mr. Unnikrishnan.

The local body also plans to expand the nursery school at

Vallakkadavu, which now has 110 students. The Akshaya centre which is functioning in the adjacent building is proposed to be shifted to another location, so that the school gets more space.

The Kuriyathi nursery school has 62 students and the one in Valiyathura has 65.

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- ***Infrastructure facilities at schools have improved***
- ***Nursery school at Vallakkadavu to be expanded***