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Master plan in 24 months for UDA extended area

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Officials seek Government ratification for appointment of consultants

The Vijayawada Guntur Tenali Mangalagiri Urban Development Authority (VGTMUDA) will prepare master plan for extended region in next 24 months. The UDA authorities have written a letter to the State government for ratification of appointment of consultants to prepare the master plan document.

Urban Development Authority Vice-Chairman M. Rama Rao, on Wednesday, said that the Aarvee consultants would prepare the document. Satellite images would be used in preparation of the master plan.

The Government expanded the UDA limits upto Ponnur, Sattenapalli, Amaravati in Guntur district and Nuzvid, Nandigama, Gudivada and Pamaru in Krishna district. When the UDA was formed in 1978, its jurisdiction was only 1954 sq km. The jurisdiction of the UDA has increased to 7,060 square km spread over two districts. As many as 494 villages in Krishna district and 326 villages in Guntur district fall under UDA limits. Nandigama and Vuyyur Nagara Panchayats, Gudivada and Nuzvid municipality of Krishna district and Sattenapalli and Ponnur municipalities of Guntur district were brought under the UDA limits.

It may be recalled that the State Government had issued a GO more than a year ago expanding the horizons of the UDA.

It is, however, unable to draw the master plan in the extended jurisdiction for various reasons, foremost issue being the approval of appointment of a consultant to prepare the master plan. A consultant has been identified, but the Board has to formally approve it for him to commence the work.

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