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Rs. 51.69 crore for city development

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Focus on building roads, parking lots, overbridges

The Kozhikode Municipal's Corporation's development seminar has set aside Rs.51.69 crore for the comprehensive development of the city, of which Rs.36 crore is for public works development.

The draft action plan of the Corporation has stressed on the construction of roads, office buildings, commercial complexes, parking complexes, comfort stations and overbridges. The maintenance of roads is also given top priority. The main aim is to improve the road network so as to solve the traffic problems of the city scientifically.

The seminar, inaugurated by Deputy Mayor P.T. Abdul

Latheef here on Thursday, analysed most of the pressing problems of the city and allotted substantial funds to deal with each issue.

A sum of Rs.5 crore has been set aside for welfare of women and children. The other allotments include Rs.1.5 crore for social welfare, Rs.60 lakh for fishing, Rs. 1.1 crore for poverty alleviation, Rs 7.6 crore for development of Scheduled Castes and Rs. 1.9 crore for health and sanitation.

There are plans to promote organic farming and to promote women's entrepreneurship projects at industrial estates in Nellikode, Elathur and Puthur.

LED lights

In an attempt to stave off an energy crisis, the Corporation has decided to replace all bulbs in its limits with LED lights.

There are plans to renovate the Corporation

Stadium-cum-commercial complex, old passport office and Indira Gandhi building and take up repair works at six heritage buildings under the Corporation limits.

The fish markets at Central Market, Puthiyangadi, Chakkumkadavu, Pallikki, Naduvattam and Kuttichira will be renovated. Fishermen who harvest mussels will be provided small fishing boats. Safety clothes will be distributed for the workers who handle solid waste for the Corporation. Funds have been allotted for building houses under the Ashraya scheme and food court for Kudumbasree.