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## Corporation spends 73 % plan fund for development

By spending 73 per cent of its plan fund and implementing landmark projects, Thrissur Corporation has made its mark in the State, said its Mayor Rajan Pallan.

Addressing the corporation council meeting on Wednesday, the Mayor reviewed the performance of the UDF-led Corporation so far in this term.

The projects including Rs. 35-crore road repairs, KSRTC junction development and decentralised waste management plants were major achievements of the UDF council, he noted. He highlighted the works such as development of East Fort and Naduvilal junctions and Pattalam Road, and rehabilitation project for slum dwellers at Mattampuram as feathers in the caps of the UDF council.

“The file adalats began to handle the pending complaints were a huge success. The adalats were conducted at Corporation

offices and the zonal offices every 100 days. Two sessions of adalats have been held so far and the third session will be held in February. An amount of Rs. 1 crore was recovered during the adalats,” Mayor said.

For Pattalam road development the Corporation managed to get the green signal from the postal department and BSNL to demolish the buildings and compound wall to remove the bottleneck at the post office junction. The Poonkunnam road development is another landmark success,” he noted.

Listing the achievements, the Mayor said more than 22 shops were removed at the East Fort for the road widening. The shoppers have been successfully rehabilitated.

Each division was given Rs. 50 lakh for public works alone. A new system was set up to handle the complaints on streetlights. A toll free number was set up for the public to file complaints.

Councillor Annam John demanded the Corporation to complete the development works at Aquatic Complex road

and Palace road before National Games. Councillor Lally James alleged irregularities in selecting the beneficiaries of housing project for physically challenged.

The Mayor said the development of Chettiyangadi will be completed soon after removing the dilapidated buildings. The Nehru Park will be renovated at Rs. 5 cr in two phases. The work for development of North and Sakthan bus stations will also start soon, he said. The initial discussions have been started for the development of Koorkkanchery junction, he added.