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GPS on water tankers to check theft

Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) has decided to fit GPS on water tankers that supply drinking water to the city. This will enable the Corporation to curb the rampant water theft.

According to the officials of RMC, drinking water is still provided through tankers to many areas of the city. Before the tanker reaches its destination, people empty water and sell it at a premium.



A Pune-based agency has agreed to make GPS systems at a low cost. Municipal Commissioner Dinesh Brahambhatt said, "Each system costs Rs 20,000 but the Pune-based company has agreed to provide it at Rs 6,000 for RMC. We plan to buy 50 systems initially." Once this system is fitted on a tanker, it will be possible to track the route, amount of water filled and water supplied at a particular place. If the tanker goes on an unassigned route, then it will immediately give out a signal and beep.