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Rs.3.38-cr. deficit budget presented for Tirunelveli

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A slew of measures for corporation schoolchildren.

Presenting the Corporation's Rs.3.38-crore deficit budget for 2013 – 2014 on Wednesday, Mayor Vijila Sathyananth announced a slew of measures for the benefit of children studying in the schools being administered by the urban local body.

As per the announcements made by Ms. Vijila, all Corporation Higher Secondary Schools will get smart classrooms and napkin vending machines, computers with projectors and medical monitoring system for the corporation schoolchildren. She earmarked Rs. 75 lakh for the purchase of computers with projectors.

She said the Kallanai Corporation Higher Secondary School, Corporation Higher Secondary School at Meenakshipuram, Rani Anna Corporation Higher Secondary School at Pettai and Quaid-E-Millath Corporation Higher Secondary School at Melapalayam would get the smart classrooms on an outlay of Rs.1.25 crore.

Napkin-vending machines would be installed at the cost of Rs.6 lakh during this fiscal and incinerators established in schools. Ms. Vijila introduced 'Amma Medical Monitoring Activities (AMMA)' for schoolchildren, who would be screened every month by the City Health Officer and appropriate medical assistance rendered based on the findings and annual dental and eye camps would be conducted in all Corporation schools.

Each student studying in the Corporation school would be insured as the urban civic body would pay the annual premium of Rs. 25 per student. A full-fledged counselling centre would be established in every Corporation school.

An auditorium on an outlay of Rs. 1 crore would be established at Kallanai Corporation Higher Secondary School.

Apart from this, steps would be taken to bring drinking water to the Corporation from Ariyanayagipuram on an outlay of Rs. 290 crore and the areas yet to be covered by the underground drainage scheme would get the sewerage scheme under the National River Water Conservation Programme.

New administrative buildings for Melapalayam and Thatchanallur Zones, tiled pedestrians' path between Sulochana Mudaliar Bridge to Murugankurichi Signal, apartments for homeless conservancy workers of Tirunelveli Corporation, a facelift to the Tirunelveli Junction, Vaeinthaankulam and Palayamkottai bus-stands with additional facilities, night shelter at Sindupoondurai for the homeless and the elderly were some of the new facilities the Corporation plans to pursue during this financial year.

LED, CFL facility

Ms. Vijila announced that the existing streetlights would be replaced by the LED and CFL bulbs under the ongoing 'Energy Efficiency Project'.

"This will be created under 'Build, Own, Operate and Transfer' mode," the Mayor said.