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Chennai Corporation council approves creation of new posts

CHENNAI: The Chennai Corporation faces dearth of professionals to deal with the city's development. This pushed the civic body to create new posts, all at the top level to be seated at the Ripon Buildings.

The council on Monday approved posts to be created for the director of parks, health education officer, senior law officer, municipal financial officer and three assistant sports officers.

This will now be sent to the state government for approval. The total salaries specified for these posts would cost the corporation Rs 2,91,170 per month.

Every department of the civic body came up with a list of the positions after identifying loopholes in the organizational structure and also redundant jobs that could be eliminated.

Many corporation officials say they are forced to handle multiple portfolios and are unable to concentrate on routine work.

"City corporations abroad have dedicated departments that have streamlined functions. Here we have sufficient workers at ground and lower levels but not enough professionals and experts on the top who can focus solely on one function," an official said.