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Municipality gears up for flower show

With the Ooty Flower Show just around the corner, the Udhagamandalam Municipality has initiated a slew of infrastructure works to help cope with the increased tourist flow into the town.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, V Prabhakaran, Commissioner (in-charge), Udhagamandalam Municipality, said that patch-works along the major roads within the town limits have been carried out at a cost of Rs. 27 lakhs. In addition, underground drainage works have also been completed at numerous places.

In order to ensure that there is enough water reaching the town from the Parsons Valley Dam, a pumpset has been erected at a cost of Rs. 13.5 lakhs, he added, stating that the pump will ensure that there is enough water being supplied to meet demand during the peak weekends.

Additional plastic storage tanks have also been purchased and have been kept at locations to ensure that the needs of the locals are catered to as well, while there has been a clampdown on unlicensed cottages and resorts with a few being shutdown recently.

Shops without Dangerous and Offensive Trades (D&O) licences have also been closed down near the Ooty Boat House and the Variety Hall. The municipality has also held meetings with water tanker operators and suppliers instructing them to supply clean drinking water to residents.