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Bhumi puja for sewerage scheme performed

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The bhumi puja for the much-awaited Underground Sewerage Scheme (USS) for Udumalpet town was held on Sunday marking the commencement of the works on the Rs. 56.07-crore project.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of Deputy Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Pollachi V. Jayaraman, Collector G. Govindaraj, Udumalpet Municipal Chairperson K.G.S. Shobana, elected representatives of civic bodies and officials of various departments.

Trial run

Municipal Commissioner K. Balakrishnan told *The Hindu* that the works on the USS project was expected to be completed by

March 2015 and there would be a six-month trial run subsequent to it before tapping its optimal utilisation. The Commissioner said that the 7.41 sq km municipal area had been geographically divided into four parts for the design of sewer collection system with a total of 96.96 km of sewer pipes to be laid under the project.

“We are executing the project with an eye to cater to the projected population of 90,301 in 2044. The sewage treatment plant being constructed under the scheme is capable of treating 9.03 million litres of waste water and excrement a day to be generated in 2044,” the Commissioner added.