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Plan to draw water from farm wells

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RAJAPALAYAM: The district administration plans to augment drinking water supply in Rajapalayam by sinking 20 deep borewells and drawing water from 150 irrigation wells.

Reviewing the drinking water situation here on Saturday, Collector Sigy Thomas Vaidhyan asked the Revenue officials to identify 150 wells around 13 irrigation tanks in Rajapalayam. The administration has proposed to draw 37.50 lakh litres from them.

Another 10 lakh litres of water would be drawn by sinking 20 deep borewells on the municipal raw water treatment plant premises.

On implementing the proposed works, the municipality would get a total of 66.50 lakh litres of water, including the existing source of 28 lakh litres, which would help the local body to maintain water supply once in five days.

Ms. Sigy asked the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage (TWAD) Board officials to take up the work on a war-footing. The Revenue officials have been asked to impress upon the owners of agricultural wells to share the water with the local body by explaining to them the critical water situation. The works are expected to be completed by September 15.