

Waterfront work likely to begin by October

Thane College to Kalwa Creek to Saket route to develop in the first phase

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If all goes well then the work of the water front development of the coastal region in Thane would begin by October.

Considering the increasing congestion on the roads, the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC), came up with the idea of the water front development of the coastal region in the city. The project was passed in the previous year's budget.

Thane has a vast coastline of 30 kilometres which will now be developed in consultation with Ney & Poulissen Engineer and Contractors aiming to construct a by-pass road alongside and also can be a tourist attrac-



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tion of the state. The waterfront development will concentrate on water ways, conservation, and tourism.

The officials from Belgian, who visited the city, informed that once the clearance from the environment department comes, the work is likely to

start by October. The delegation informed that the project is in its last stages.

"Thane College - Kalwa Creek to Saket route would be developed in the first phase. Also, in this phase, the purification of the water would take place along with the beautifi-

cation work along the route. Not just this, 7500 square metres of area would be developed into an entertainment centre," informed Sandeep Malvi, public relation officer, TMC.

This project would take Thane city to an international

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Under this project, TMC is planning to construct a by pass along side coastal region that will give a way out to the vehicles going to Bhayander, Vasai, Mira Road, Nasik Highway, and Ahmedabad Highway without entering Thane city. The project also plans to develop a shallow water park at Bhayander pada which is 19.5 hectares, Kasarvadavli that is 19.5 hectares and Moghar that is spread on 157 hectares. There will also be a creek side development starting from Vitawa to Ghodbunder Road creek. It also plans to start water-ways within Thane city along the 30 kilometres of coastal stretch

level. "It will be the first time that any municipal corporation has undertaken such a developmental project," added Malvi.

"This project is not just important for the city but also for the country," said RA Rajeev TMC commissioner.