

**Dear Citizens,**

**Warm Greetings.** I believe that your colony has been touched by one or more of the many development activities taken by Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. Our aim is to provide every colony with optimal water supply, UGD connections, road connectivity and storm water drains. We are striving hard to improve the civic amenities in the city to make it a model for modern day living. Some of the areas have seen complete transformation due to the development efforts of VMC. These areas are Pasuputhota, Madhuranagar, Ayodhyanagar, Vambay Colony, Ranigarithota, Brahmaramba Puram, Gayathri nagar, Siddharth nagar, brindavan colony etc., The above areas have seen comprehensive development in the last one year. You may visit one of these areas to verify the genuineness of the claims made.

All these development have been provided from out of the public money collected as taxes from the people. These are nothing but 'your taxes at work'. Now, the time has come for you to become the real partners in all these developments and to be accountable for their sustenance as well. Unless you and the colony people involve and develop affinity with all these developments, they may not last long. It is necessary that you have a feeling of belongings to the infrastructure created in your colony. Otherwise they will not last long, and once again you will be faced with the situation of approaching the VMC for rebuilding the infrastructure in future. Now is the time for change, for being more responsible, as we are reaching optimum levels in the amenities. Your colony should become a model not only in having all amenities but also in maintaining one. The following are little things you can do for your colony. This doesn't involve any cost. All it requires is your time and attention.

**1. UGD Service:** VMC is in the process of providing Underground Drainage facility covering the entire city. When completed, Vijayawada will be the first city in India to have 100% UGD coverage as well as treatment. As and when the pipe line work is completed in your colony, it is important that every household acquires individual service connection. Unless every household does so, it is not possible to lay roads. More importantly, the

households which have not taken UGD connection will continue to let sewerage water in the side drains thus adversely affecting the sanitation. Therefore, with your cooperation, we must be able to motivate every household to take UGD connection completely. Please remember that connections have to be taken for the entire house not just the toilets. The corporation officials have already issued notices to the households to take connections. With your cooperation we should be able to get 100% connections in the colony. If this is done, then be rest assured that the side drains in your colony will have no water other than rain water. Sanitation will tremendously improve. Mosquito menace will decline. Most important, there will be no foul smell. This is not just a distant dream but a reality which can be seen in ward 23. You may visit the ward and find out how 100% UGD connections has transformed the colony. Now is the opportunity to make your colony one.

**2. Water Supply Connections:** You will be glad to know that VMC supplies 150 LPCD of drinking water to its citizens. We have constructed and commissioned 12 new reservoirs at Ramalingeswarnagar, kedareswarpet, Rajarajeswarpet, Singh nagar, Prakash nagar, NSC Bose nagar, Fish market, maduranagar in last 12 months. 5 more are under construction. Once the water pipelines are laid, it is important that everybody takes tap connection. This is because tap water is safest. It is the best way to tackle water borne diseases and therefore is the internationally acclaimed best practice. Every household in your locality should be motivated to get individual tap connections.

**3. Side Drains:** Please sensitize your colony people not to throw garbage and other solid waste in the side drains or on the roads. Let it be handed over to the garbage collection staff who will come and collect at their door step. Throwing the rubbish on the roads leads to clogging of drains and stagnation, a source of many diseases and infections. I request you to motivate your colony people to cooperate with the door to door collection of garbage system. Some colonies have taken up sanitation work on contribution basis.

If you have not done so, you may consider the option and we will be there to support you, as always.

**4. Roads:** We must have already comprehensively laid CC / B.T. Roads in your colony. If it has not, then we shall surely do so after the completion of ongoing UGD/ water supply works. But it is observed that some people dig the road for one reason or other including for the purpose of erecting shamiyanas, pendals etc. No such misuse of road can be tolerated. If any such pendals are to be erected they can do it by using sand drums to erect the poles. Further heavy vehicles are plying on the internal roads and are also parked on them with heavy loads. These internal roads are not designed to bear such heavy loads and therefore may sink. Once the road is dug or damaged, it will deteriorate rapidly and the life span of the road gets reduced which results in waste of public money. Please remember that some of these roads might have been laid with your contribution. I, therefore request to prevent the entry of heavy vehicles into the internal roads. Also be vigilant of any road digging activity.

The above issues are only illustrative and not exhaustive, in which your involvement is solicited. What I want to convey to you is that if you keep vigilance on all the development works provided in your colony, the colony benefits. With your cooperation, the issues raised above can be easily tackled. In spite of your efforts, if still some people continue to create problems by refusing to take connections, or by digging roads etc, you may always approach us and we shall take necessary action as per law. The VMC has provided the assets and now it is your responsibility to protect them and to utilize them to their optimum length of life. I hope you will realize the need and rise to the occasion and be a partner in making your colony the best in the City and be appreciated for doing so.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

COMMISSIONER,VMC