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## City projects at take-off stage: Deputy Mayor

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KOCHI: A large number of development projects in Kochi have reached the implementation stage, indicating that the city is making a significant step towards development, said Deputy Mayor C.K. Manisankar on Monday.

Replying to the budget discussion in the corporation council on Monday, Mr. Manisankar claimed that many of the development dreams of the corporation were being translated into reality in a never-before manner. According to him, the civic administration would focus on the transport, sewage treatment and water supply sectors in the coming days.

The tender documents of the Rail Overbridges at Pachalam and Atlantis were being prepared. The re-tendering process for the proposed Pazhoor drinking water scheme was progressing. It

is also the case with the pump house of the project. The re-tendering was required as the amount quoted for the work was in excess of the tender amount and the contractor was not willing to implement the work on the earlier quoted amount, Mr. Manisankar said.

The tendering process for the Rs. 291-crore sewage treatment plant has been completed. The corporation has spent nearly 80 per cent of the funds allotted for the Basic Services for Urban Poor project. The corporation has received Rs. 26.54 crore for the project, he said.

The widening and modernisation projects suggested for Sahodaran Ayyappan road has started at Panampilly Nagar. The construction of pile caps for Puthenpalam near Vytilla on SA road has also commenced, he said.

Mr. Manisankar said the full credit for freeing the city of garbage heaps should go to the corporation council which implemented the solid waste treatment plant at Brahmapuram.

The civic administrators, including the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the chairpersons of various Standing Committees of the corporation were frequently visiting the plant site and following up the developments there.

The functioning of the plant is monitored in a systematic manner, he said.

He was hopeful that the implementation of a large number of projects would begin during the current fiscal itself.