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## **Corporation decides to expand parking lot at central bus stand**

The Tiruchirapalli City Corporation has decided to expand the two-wheeler parking lot at the central bus stand at a cost of Rs. 64 lakh.

It is aimed at avoiding two-wheeler parking in open places near the existing two-wheeler stand.

A resolution to that effect was adopted at an urgent meeting of the council held here on Friday. It said the existing stand was insufficient to cater to the large number of vehicles.

Vehicles parked outside the stand on open places had become a hindrance for the free movement of buses, cars, and others in the bus stand areas. Moreover, there was a need to take into consideration future requirement.

The proposed expansion plan would reduce the traffic congestion to an extent. The council approved a proposal to introduce “pay and park” system on some arterial roads in the city.

It will soon be implemented on the Thillai Nagar Main Road, Shastry Road, Fort Station Road, E.V.R. Road-Vayalur Road near Puthur.

It would levy a fee of Rs. 3 for two-wheelers: Rs. 5 for four-wheelers such as cars and vans and Rs. 10 for buses. The rates would be applicable for a six-hour period.

When a few members drew the attention of officials on developing new parks, A. Jaya, Mayor, and V.P. Thandapani, Commissioner, said it had been planned to establish 15 more parks in different parts of city. All basic facilities would be established on them.

Councillors from both the AIADMK and the DMK complained over stray dog menace in different parts of the city.

The number of patients approaching doctors for treatment of dog bites was on the rise.

Intervening in the debate, Mr. Thandapani said surgical sterilization (birth control) was being done for 1,000 street-dogs every year to bring down their population.

The authorities could not carry out illegal methods to control the dog menace. They had to be released where they were caught or trapped. However, special drive would be carried out shortly for surgical sterilization of street dogs.

To the demand of many members, Ms. Jaya said that fogging operation would be immediately carried out in all areas to control mosquito menace. Similarly, the roads, which were damaged in the recent rain, would be re-laid in the city shortly.

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***Project estimated at Rs. 64 lakh***

## ***15 more parks to be developed in city***