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## **Construction of drainage facility begins**

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SALEM: The Salem Corporation has begun the construction of a new drainage facility on Ariyagoundampatti main road in Old Sooramangalam in the city.

The work has been taken up as the existing drainage channel in the area got damaged and the flow of wastewater remained affected. This had posed a serious threat to the health of residents in a number of colonies in Old Sooramangalam.

People had made repeated representations about the issue. As a result, the civic administration allotted a sum of Rs. 19 lakh for the construction of the drainage channel with a length of 750 metres.

Officials said that the channel would be brought to public use in the second week of July. Meanwhile, residents in Old Sooramangalam have appealed to the Corporation to ensure regular cleaning of the drainage channels.

The sanitary workers from the Corporation and the Bangalore-based private firm Swatchatha Corporation were rarely visiting the inner streets to carry out the cleaning works.

So, an effective system should be evolved to monitor cleaning works, they said.