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Desilting work begins in Ukkadam

COIMBATORE: In an attempt to enhance the water storage capacity of Singanallur lake and Ukkadam Periakulam, two NGOs are carrying out desilting work at these lakes. The permission for the work was obtained from the district administration and city corporation and it is to be completed within the next 30 days. Siruthuli and [Residents Awareness Association of Coimbatore](#)

(RAAC) are carrying out the desilting which officially began here on Thursday morning. "The work is being carried out as part of rejuvenation activities of city lakes," said R Raveendran, Secretary, Residents Awareness Association Coimbatore.

The permission was granted on the basis of a proposal to enhance the total storage capacity of both Ukkadam Periyakulam and the Singanallur lake and also strengthen its bunds. The corporation entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining the eight water bodies had earlier issued a No

Objection Certificate to the organisation back on August 24, 2012. Following this, the proposal was forwarded to the State level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority for further approval. However, special conditions have been issued from the [state level committee](#) citing that the silt recovered from the lakes should be deposited along the banks to be utilised for formation and strengthening of bunds. The recovered silt is also not to be utilised for any commercial purposes.

"We will launch the program on Wednesday at 10am along the Ukkadam lake," Raveendran added.