

BDA vows a flood-free Bangalore



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There will be no flooding from next monsoon onwards in the greater Bangalore, says Bangalore Development Authority (BDA).

E Sreenivasa, engineer member BDA told *DNA* that the authority is constructing vents at every five to ten metres in all newly asphalted roads in the city to ensure free flow of surface water into drains.

“We have also made slopes in the roads to flow rain water to drains. All these drains are connected to storm water drains. This will avoid stagnation of water in the new roads and stop future flooding,” he said.

The authority has taken up 1,554 developmental works estimated at Rs623.09 crore in different parts of the city. All works will be completed in April 2010, said Sreenivasa.

“Most of them will be done by January next year. We will issue tenders for some works soon. All the activities will be finished in the stipulated time,” he added.

However, experts are not convinced with the BDA promise.

“It will take only one down pour to reveal the actual condition of these newly constructed roads and drains,” said Dr TV Ramachandra, Energy and Wetlands Research Group Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science.

“There is nothing new in the BDA promises. They have mentioned it all in the town planning report. Only time will say how they are going to implement it,” he added.

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