

# KCB to install 18 water purifiers at public places in cantonment limits

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**Pune:** The Khadki Cantonment Board will install 18 water purifiers in schools, hospitals and market places as part of a plan to provide potable water at public places in the cantonment limits.

The total cost of the project will be about Rs 50 lakh.

The agenda was discussed at the general body meeting held last year and all the board members agreed to the proposal.

As per the procedure, the board floated a tender in this

regard and three bidders evinced interest.

Amol Jagatap, KCB chief executive officer, said, "A work order for installation of water purifiers has already

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been issued and the actual installation will be underway shortly. The National Chemical Laboratory has offered to supply free dispensers to schools."

The water purifying units will be installed at market areas, hospitals, bus sta-

tions and schools in the cantonment.

Two units will be provided by CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), which has developed its own water purifying technology under the Gramin Vigyan Kutir (CSIR Techvill) programme. These units will be installed only in schools.

The board authorities will install purifier in each ward. The purifier has a capacity to dispense 50 litres per hour.

Senior scientist P K Ingale of NCL told TOI, "Our en-

deavour is to promote treated water consumption. Our plan is to cover government offices. Using our purifier, there is less water wastage in comparison to wastage in reverse osmosis process."

"Many people had demanded that we install water purifier as they don't get water free of cost. Therefore, we tabled this issue before the board authorities and they eventually agreed to set up purifiers in the cantonment limits. This will help people in summer months," said a senior member of the board.