

**MINUTES OF THE START UP MEETING OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL MONITORING  
COMMITTEE(DLMC) HELD ON 18-07-2019 AT PWD  
REST HOUSE , KOZHICODE.**

**Present:**

1. Hon'ble Justice A. V. Ramakrishna Pillai, Chairman, SLMC
2. Smt. Sreekala S., Member Secretary, SLMC (Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board)
3. Sri. Seeram Sambasiva Rao IAS, District Collector, Kozhikode
4. Smt. Shamin Sebastian, Deputy Collector(Disaster Management), Kozhikode
5. Sri. Unnikrishnan A V, Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Kozhikode
6. Sri. L. Surendran, Assistant commissioner of police, Kozhikode
7. Sri. Haridasan R, DYSP, DCB, Kozhikode Rural
8. Smt. Shabna Kushe Shekhar, Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, District Office, Kozhikode
9. Sri. Abdul Latheef A V, Deputy Director of Panchayath(in charge)
10. Dr. Ashadevi, Additional DMO(H)
11. Smt. Kabani C , District Co-ordinator, Suchitwa Mission
12. Sri. Abdul Latheef C, Deputy Range Officer, Kozhikode
13. Sri. Prakash P, District Co-ordinator, Haritha Keralam Mission, Kozhikode

**Participants:**

1. Smt. Sheeba M S ,Chief Environmental Engineer, Regional office, Kozhikode
2. Smt. Bindu V Gopal, Environmental Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board , Head office, Thiruvananthapuram
3. P. Ajith Kumar, Superintendent Engineer, Irrigation, North Circle, Kozhikode
4. Sri. Binu Fransis, Secretary, Kozhikode Corporation
5. Sri. Sreejan. V.K, Manager, District Industrial Centre, Kozhikode
6. Smt. Norrjahan. N, Assistant Executive Engineer, Kerala Water Authority, Kozhikode
7. Smt. Soumya A.S, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kozhikode
8. Smt. Smitha . C.V, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, District Office, Kozhikode
9. Sri. Babu. J.D, Secretary, Kuttyadi Grama panchayath
10. Smt. Sunila Kumari. K. V, Secretary, Meppayur Grama Panchayath

11. Sri. Ajithkumar K.P, Assistant Secretary, Meppayur Grama panchayath
12. Sri. Udhaybhanu .M. P, Secretary, Kunnummal Grama panchayath
13. Dr. R.S Gopakumar, Health Officer, Kozhikode Corporation
14. Sri. Abdul Shareef. K, Assistant Engineer, Kerala Water Authority, Kozhikode
15. Sri. Akhil, Assistant Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kozhikode
16. Sri. Arun Govind, Assistant Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, District Office, Kozhikode
17. Smt. Shameeja, Assistant Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, District Office, Kozhikode
18. Kumari. Veena, Assistant Engineer, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, District Office, Kozhikode

The startup meeting of the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC for short) commenced at 10AM at PWD rest house, Kozhikode. The meeting was Chaired by Hon'ble Justice A.V. Ramakrishna Pillai, (former Judge, High Court of Kerala) Chairman, State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC for short). The Chairman, SLMC welcomed all the members of the DLMC and other participants. In the introductory remarks the Chairman, SLMC explained the origin, constitution and the purpose of constitution of the State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC for short) and the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC for short).

**Hon'ble Justice A.V. Ramakrishnapillai, Chairman, SLMC:**

The Chairman brought the attention of the Members of the DLMC to the following directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in the order dated 25.4.2019 in O.A.No.606/2018 and insisted the need for circulating those directions among all the officials concerned, especially to the Secretaries of the various local bodies in the District for the implementation of those directions as well as the various provisions of the Environmental legislations in letter and spirit in a time bound manner. The directions are as under.

- i. At least three cities and three towns in the State and at least three Villages in every District of the State may be identified within two weeks and earnest and demonstrable endeavor be made to make them fully comply in respect of environmental norms within six months. Remaining State may be made fully comply within one year.
- ii. A quarterly report be furnished by the Chief Secretary, every three months. First such report shall be furnished by July 30, 2019.

- iii. The Chief Secretary may personally monitor the progress, at least once in a month, with all the District Magistrates.
- iv. The District Magistrates may monitor the status of compliance of environmental norms, at least once in two weeks.
- v. The District Magistrates or other Officers may be imparted requisite training.
- vi. Estimate of value of environmental degradation and cost of restoration be prepared and compensation be planned and recovered from polluters for environmental restoration and restitution on that basis.
- vii. Performance audit of functioning of all regulatory bodies may be got conducted and remedial measures be taken, within six months.
- viii. Introduction of a policy of giving ranking, based on performance on the subject of environment and giving of rewards or other incentives on that basis to individual areas, localities, institutions or individuals may be considered. This may also include encouraging students or other citizens significantly contributing to the cause of environment. The best practices may be evolved, if necessary, in the light of experiences on the subject. This may help in educating and involving public at large which may help in enhancing of environmental laws.
- ix. The Chief Secretary may remain present in person before the Tribunal with the status of compliance in respect of various issues mentioned in para 22 as well as any other issues discussed in the above order on 06.11.2019. It is made clear that Chief Secretary may not delegate the above function and the further requirement of appearance before this Tribunal to anyone else. However, it will be open to him to change the date, by advance intimation by e-mail at [ngt.filing@gmail.com](mailto:ngt.filing@gmail.com) to adjust their convenience.

It was also informed by the Chairman that villages of Kunnummal, Meppayur, Kuttiady as well as the Municipal Corporation, Kozhikode are identified as Model Local Bodies which are to be made fully compliant in respect of environmental norms within six months and other local bodies within one year from the date of the aforesaid order. It was also informed that lethargy of local bodies in complying with the directions would be viewed seriously and the Secretary of such local bodies would be held liable for violations.

The Chairman SLMC informed the meeting that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in the order dated 15.7.2017 in O.A.No.710/2017 and connected cases has directed that a District Environmental Plan has to be operated by the District Committee chaired and monitored by the District Collector (District Magistrate). Such Environmental Plans and Constitution of District Committee be placed on the website of



Districts concerned and the monthly report of monitoring by the District Magistrate be furnished to the Chief Secretary and be placed on the website of the District. The same shall be kept on such websites for a period of one year. This shall be made operative from 1.08.2019.

It was also suggested by the Chairman, SLMC that all local bodies shall conduct meetings of the governing bodies so as to ensure that all projects are implemented smoothly.

**Sri. Seeram Sambasiva Rao IAS, District Collector, Kozhikode:** The District Collector informed that, envisaging 'Zero Waste Kozhikode', collection of waste at grass root level and recycling of the same are carried out. Already 20% of the MRFs and 50% of the MCFs are functioning in Kozhikode. Action plans for waste management, water management and public health including model comfort stations are already prepared. Bio-degradable wastes are disposed off through 'Thumboormuzhi' model compost pits. Beautification of public places is planned with the involvement of public. Initiative was taken to solve the Environmental pollution from the Medical College, Kozhikode and is in progress. Corporation has a project proposal for waste to energy for the solid wastes dumped in Njeliyanparambu. However, the District Collector has pointed out there is lack of technical support for proper treatment and disposal of legacy waste dumped at Njeliyanparambu. District has a rendering plant for proper treatment of poultry and slaughter wastes.

**Smt.S.Sreekala, Member Secretary, KSPCB & SLMC:** The Member Secretary enquired about the mode of managing legacy wastes in the district. It was pointed out that guidelines from the Central Pollution Control Board are available in the website and the same can be used as guidelines for managing the legacy waste.

**Dr. Ashadevi, Additional DMO (H):** The Deputy DMO informed that there is problem in disposing of the food waste in Hospitals. Solid wastes are properly disposed off in Kottaparambu Govt. Hospital for Women and Children. They are trying to implement the same in other Govt.Hospitals.

**Sri. Binu Francis, Secretary, Kozhikode Corporation:** The Corporation Secretary informed that STPs are planned in the District at Sarovaram Park, Kothi Bridge, Avikkal and at Govt. Medical College. STP at Medical College is in progress. STP proposal at Sarovaram Park near Kallai river is held up due to stay order from NGT in a case filed against the proposal. Waste to Energy Plant is proposed at Njeliyanparambu. Setting up of common STP at Kothi Bridge of six MLD capacity and seven MLD plant at Avikal are proposed.

**Dr. R.S. Gopakumar, Health Officer, Corporation:** The Corporation Health Officer informed that the project of STP at Sarovaram Park near Kallai is under stay for the last five years. If the STP is implemented the pollution problem of river Kallai can be solved. It was informed that annual health checkup is done for all Corporation workers. Vaccination is also given to all workers.

**Sri. P. Prakash, District Co-ordinator, Haritha Keralam Mission:** The District Coordinator of Haritha Keralam Mission had submitted the details of campaign activities done by Haritha Kerala Mission named 'Haritha Niyamavali Campaign'. the details of status of MRF in various Municipalities and Villages of Kozhikode district and Waste Management Plan for the district, which are appended as Annexures 1 to 3 to these minutes.

**Smt. Sheeba M.S., Chief Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kozhikode:** The Chief Environmental Engineer informed that KSPCB will give guidance for the proper disposal of solid waste in Njeliyanparambu. Sewer lines of STP at Sarovaram Park were already laid.

**The following resolutions were taken in the meeting.**

1. The District Collector (District Magistrate) shall monitor the progress and status of compliance of environmental norms by all concerned especially the local bodies in the district at least once in two weeks. The District Collector has to personally oversee the waste management activities in the district.
2. After collecting data through the aforesaid monitoring, the DLMC shall be convened once in three weeks for reviewing the progress and for suggesting remedial measures to achieve better results.
3. Monthly progress report on the basis of the above shall be prepared and the same shall be forwarded to the Chief Secretary with a copy to SLMC in the e-mail ID [slmckerala2019@gmail.com](mailto:slmckerala2019@gmail.com), so that the details in the said report could be made use of for preparing the quarterly report to be submitted before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal.
4. Training programs shall be arranged for the Secretaries of the Local Bodies in the District on environmental laws with special references to their powers and duties as well as the technical aspects on the subject. The training programs shall be arranged jointly by the District Legal Services Authority, Pollution Control Board, Suchithwa Mission and Haritha Keralam Mission. The copy of presentation included in the notes circulated by the Chairman, SLMC among the Members of the Committee can be made use of for guidance in the matter.

5. Awareness programs shall be arranged in educational institutions in the district by the District Legal Services Authority with the assistance of Education Department, Haritha Keralam Mission and Suchithwa Mission.
6. The District Legal Services Authority shall conduct social audit for assessing the problems faced by the public on issues of environmental protection and also for assessing the final result of each activity undertaken by the DLMC.
7. Cleaning programs shall be undertaken by the local authority not only during pre-monsoon season but also throughout the year.
8. Door to door collection of segregated waste shall be arranged by the local bodies within their limit. The local bodies can insist for payment of user fee by the waste generators. The possibility of realizing user fee along with property tax from those who are refusing to pay the same can be explored. However, people below poverty line may be exempted from paying user fee.
9. Local bodies shall install waste segregation plants within their local limits. They have to make sure that proper working condition and personal protective devices are available to the cleaning workers.
10. Local bodies shall ensure that industrial waste as well wastes from hotels and restaurants are not being dumped into drains and water bodies.
11. Local bodies shall install cameras to identify persons dumping waste in public places and water bodies. Environmental degradation shall be assessed and compensation shall be levied from culprits.
12. As plastic wastes from industrial units are more or less homogeneous in nature, they shall be collected separately and sent to units for shredding or recycling.
13. Major commercial establishment/industrial units shall be directed to have their own plastic shredding units as it requires only a small area for operation.
14. The land for providing common treatment facility for bio-medical and solid waste as well as the land for a common rendering plant for poultry waste shall be identified by the District Administration with the help of local authority. District administration shall provide high priority for indentifying land for establishing common treatment facilities for solid waste management, waste water treatment, bio-medical waste as well as a common rendering plant for animal poultry waste.
15. Directorate of Panchayath and Urban Directors shall collect details with respect to status of waste handling in village and urban local bodies respectively. An action plan for faster improvement and strict compliance of Solid Waste Management Rule, 2016 shall be prepared.
16. The Police Department shall line the department in action, in the event of report of unauthorized waste dumping. In such cases, the copy of the FIR shall be



forwarded to the District Legal Services Authority and the Kerala State Pollution Control Board so as to facilitate realization of compensation from the violators on 'polluter pays' principle.

17. The value of environmental degradation on account of violation of environmental laws shall be estimated and cost of restoration shall be assessed and compensation shall be fixed by the Pollution Control Board and the same shall be recovered from the violators for restoration and restitution. The District Legal Services Authority shall render necessary assistance in assessing the damage and fixing the compensation.
18. Sanitation facilities are to be improved in hospital premises. The handling and disposal of food waste in hospitals can be improved if the sources of generation of wastes are controlled. If arrangements are made in the hospital itself for the preparation of food for patients and bystanders according to specified standards with the help of public support, food from outside can be curtailed gradually as experienced in District Hospital, Ernakulam. However, proper preparation and distribution of food to the patients and bystanders as well as the continuity of the same shall be ensured before enforcing total ban on food from outside.
19. Successful models like Taluk Head Quarters Hospital, Punalur, Primary Health Centre, Kadirur, Community Health Centre, Keechery, Primary Health Centre, Thrikkakkara as well as District Hospital, Ernakulam can be adopted by similar institutions in the District.
20. The Forest Department shall ensure that concrete wastes, electronic wastes, liquor bottles, etc., are not dumped or littered in forest areas. Necessary surveillance shall be arranged for this purpose. If any such dumping in forest areas are noticed it shall be informed to the DLMC so that immediate remedial measures can be taken.
21. All the forest check posts in the District shall be directed to closely monitor the loaded heavy vehicles coming to the forest area from outside, to ensure that no waste from outside is transmitted to forest area.
22. For the proper implementation of various activities the DLMC shall be expanded adding the following.
  - a) Deputy Director of Education.
  - b) Representative of Irrigation Department.
  - c) Representative of Kerala Water Authority.
  - d) Representatives of PWD Roads as well as Buildings Divisions.
  - e) Representative of Directorate of Urban Affairs.
  - f) LSGD Engineers of the Locality.

- g) Senior most officer of Animal Husbandry Department in the District.
- h) Any other authority or person who, in the opinion of the District Collector, is necessary for the proper implementation of the activities of the DLMC can also be included in the Committee.
23. The District Legal Services Authority shall render necessary assistances for coordinating the activities of the DLMC to avoid stumbling blocks.
24. The nodal officer of the DLMC (If the nodal officer of the DLMC is not appointed so far a Senior officer of the Collectorate preferably the Deputy collector, Disaster Management shall be appointed as nodal officer without delay) shall collect information for preparing progress report, arrange meetings of the DLMC as per the schedule, forward the copies of the report to the SLMC and Chief Secretary and bring the communications from the Government and SLMC in the matter to the knowledge of the District Collector without fail.
25. The DLMC shall have link with website of SLMC ([www.krslmc.in](http://www.krslmc.in)) so that the reports, minutes etc. can be uploaded in the website for public information.
26. Green Protocol Policy shall be implemented strictly during religious festivals. Awareness programs shall be arranged among devotees for promoting green practices by Suchitwa Mission
27. The Kerala State Pollution Control Board shall render all technical support to the district administration to solving the environmental problems in the district especially for the disposal and treatment of legacy waste at Njellivanparambu as pointed out by the District Collector.
28. Copies of these minutes signed by the Chairman, DLMC shall be circulated among all the members for future guidance. The representative of the District Panchayath shall circulate of the copies of these minutes to the Secretaries of the local bodies in the district without fail.

The Chairman thanked all participants and the meeting concluded at 11.30AM.

*Saila K. J.*  
DISTRICT COLLECTOR

