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## Work on water budgeting starts in Kolar

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Work on the National Drinking Water Security pilot projects has started in Mulbagal taluk in Kolar district.

Mulbagal, along with 14 other blocks in the country, has been chosen to test and demonstrate the concept of Drinking Water Security Planning to address the various dimensions of water security.

A support organisation selected by the government for implementing the project has said that water budgeting will be done based on the resources available in that particular area, M S Raviprakash of Action for Food Production (AFPRO) told Express.

"The task involves establishing the baseline about the water resources (ground, surface, roof water sources), drinking and domestic water demands, water quality, present water use, source sustainability including rainfall pattern for each block," he said.

As per the plans, data on groundwater table monitoring will be collected on monthly basis and the information will also be used by farmers to make decisions regarding the crops.

The pilot project is as of now planned for two years.

The gram panchayats and Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs) will be equipped to implement and monitor the water requirement.

"VWSCs and Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRA) have been formed in 20 villages of four grama panchayats to make the community aware of the drinking water security project," Raviprakash said.