

No cutting of trees for smart city project in race course

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Various development works are being carried out in key areas of Coimbatore including RS Puram, Racecourse under the Smart City project. Already, works carried out using world-class technologies have attracted the attention of the people of the ponds including Ukkadam Periyakulam, Valankulam. Following this, the next phase of the Smart City project is being carried out at a distance of about 3 km in the Race Course area in the heart of Coimbatore.

There is a state-of-the-art yoga training centre, a modern walkway, a children's theme park, a playground for young people and modern facilities for the elderly and disabled children to exercise and have fun. The ancient clock tower in the RS puram area was well received by the public. Similarly, a structure similar to the Eiffel Tower in Paris with coloured lights is to be developed at the Race Course CSI Church junction. In addition,



more than 300 trees are to be fitted with lanterns, and work is underway to further refresh the racecourse.

Meanwhile, there are rumours that trees are being cut down for the construction of the modern facilities at Race Course. Sharing his views on this, Chinnaswamy, Vice-President of the Indian Construction Association said, "During the ongoing Smart City works in the Coimbatore Racecourse area, no activities have been carried out in a manner that is harmful to the environment. They are spreading false information that the trees here are being cut down. Only shrubs

and unwanted plants in the work area have been removed in order to set up electrical cables, water pipes and communication cables.

Instead, after the completion of the works, it is planned to set up plants including colorful plants, flowering plants, trees and herbaceous plants. Not only that, they are spreading rumours that the trees have been cut down. However, in the area where the trees are located, only a small amount of soil has been taken out to lay the stylish granite coating interlock stones. Without removing the trees, the work of impregnating the stones is being misrepresented.