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Rs 600-cr project to rejuvenate watersheds in 20 taluks

State, World Bank to share costs on 70:30 basis

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The Cabinet approved a Rs 600-crore project - Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) - for the benefit of 20 taluks with low groundwater levels in Karnataka.

While the World Bank will fund 70% of the project (Rs 420 crore), 30% of the expenses (Rs 180 crore) will be borne by the state government.

The project will benefit farmers to cultivate in 10 lakh hectares of land in taluks such as Shikaripura in Shivamogga district, Kolar, Sirai in Tumakuru, Arasikere in Hassan, Hirekur in Haveri and 15 others.

Briefing reporters, Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said that the project is designed to ensure soil and water conservation in these taluks, along with

encouraging innovative agricultural practices. "The project will cover 50,000 hectares in each of the 20 taluks," he said.

Funds for 2 med colleges

The government also sanctioned Rs 377.46 crore for two medical colleges being constructed under Centrally-sponsored schemes. While Rs 309 crore was sanctioned for Yadgir medical college, the remaining amount is for Haveri medical college.

A new tender to operate 700 Arogya Kavacha ambulances in Karnataka was also approved during the Cabinet meeting. "The new tender will include directions issued by various courts to service providers. Addressing complaints of paramedics and drivers carrying patients to hospitals selected by the former, stringent distance criteria for ambulance etc are among the new terms



Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Small Irrigation Minister J C Madhuswamy address media after the Cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday. DH PHOTO

of the tender," he said.

The government also sanctioned Rs 85 crore for the

fishing port at Maravanthe in Udupi district.

The ambitious project

worth Rs 450 crore for ensuring waterfalls at Jog perennially was scrapped and Rs 120 crore was sanctioned for constructing a ropeway, amphitheatre, parking facility and others around the popular tourist destination.

Kindergarten in govt schools

The Cabinet also approved starting kindergarten (LKG and UKG) classes in 276 public schools of the state. They were being introduced as part of the National Education Policy. The government will create the necessary infrastructure. Nursery teachers and other staff will be appointed by the government.

Rs 35 cr for e-learning

With an objective to implement digital learning at government colleges from the current academic year itself, the state Cabinet set aside Rs 35 crore. The funds will be used to provide digital tools for 230 first grade degree, 87 polytechnic and 14 engineering colleges run by the government.

Damage to public property to prove costly

Several ordinances, which will be replaced as bills and placed in the upcoming legislature session, were also discussed during the meeting. The Cabinet also cleared an ordinance with amendments to some provisions of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act. The changes were under four heads and would allow the government to impose a penalty for damages to public property during a pandemic equivalent to twice the cost of losses suffered.