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# Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon to revive Saraswati Kunj water body

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Gurgaon: A water body, which is spread across a 10-acre land, is all set to get a new lease of life as the MCG has decided to revive it as part of its plan to recharge the city's groundwater. The decision comes at a time when the city is struggling to tackle water crisis.

Located near Saraswati Kunj, a residential society in Sector 53 on Golf Course Road, it accumulates water coming from Aravalis.

MCG commissioner and deputy commissioner TL Satyaprakash told TOI, "The idea is to revive the water bodies which were ignored for over 30 years owing to on-going urbanisation. The importance of natural water bodies can't be overlooked in a city like Gurgaon, where groundwater recharge is very significant."

As part of its elaborate plans, the civic body will also build a sewerage treatment plant too Saraswati Kunj in an attempt to revive the polluted water body. The move, sources said, will help tackle waterlogging in the area during monsoon.

The initiative is part of the project rolled out by the corporation in January 2016 to rejuvenate 12 lakes and ponds across the city.

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The MCG has carried out a comprehensive study with the help of Delhi's Future Institute in December 2015 to identify catchment areas so that ponds can be rejuvenated naturally and groundwater can be recharged during monsoon. "We studied 120 water bodies in Gurgaon. Of the 120 water bodies, we identified 12 for the revival project.. We plan to revive these ponds in a span of six months," Swati Sharma, programmes and research head, Delhi

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