

Pune chosen for urban management plan by Germany

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KATRAJ: The German government has selected Pune under the project 'Governing Emerging Megacities'.

Pune, Guangzhou (China) and Germany will cooperate with each other in the 11-year project for sustainable urban management.

The consortium of German Universities headed by Prof

Frauke Kraas of the Cologne University is working with the Bharati Vidyapeeth (BV) Institute of Environment Education and Research on this project. Pune Municipal Corporation is also partnering the project. A Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between Pune and

the German Consortium of Universities.

"We have identified water, health and quality of life as the three areas to determine how we govern. Local NGOs, the PMC, schools and colleges will be involved in the process," said Dr Erach Bharrucha, Director of the BV

Institute of Environment Education and Research.

Deputy Di-

rector of Health, PMC (Solid Waste Management), said, "Water, sanitation and communicable diseases are the priority areas for the city."

The preliminary two-year work of the project started in January 2005. It will be followed by a three-year implementation phase.

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