Kurichi lake to get a fresh lease of life

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About 280 acres of Kurichi lake here will be desilted in three months at a cost of ₹1.65 crore, through an initiative of Isha Foundation with the support of the State Government and in collaboration with Neyveli Lignite Corporation.

The desilting works were launched here on Saturday at a function organised by Isha Foundation.

Responding to a request from Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Isha Foundation, Neyveli Lignite Corporation has taken up the work as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility project.

The NLCIL will support desilting and deepening of 280 acres of the lake. About 3.40 lakh cubic metres of sand will be desilted to augment the storage capacity of the lake by 34 crore litres in addition to the existing capacity. Municipal Administration Minister S.P. Velumani said at the function that boating facilities will be opened at the lake and a walking track will be constructed around it.

Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev requested the State Government to do a topographical survey near all the lakes of the State and take necessary steps to ensure that water enters the lakes.

According to Sarat Kumar Acharya, Chairman and Managing Director of NLCIL, considering the seriousness of water crisis in Chennai city, it was supplying 14 million litres of water a day from the NLCIL mines and 10 times of the same for irrigation of surrounding villages.