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PRESS NOTE

GHMC with one crores population, 70 lakhs voters and with 625 Sq. Km. of geographical area is bigger than some of the countries in Europe. Rapid urbanization has put heavy pressure on the existing civil amenities, Bad roads, over flowing drains, shortage of potable water are some of the issues which need attention. About, 25 lakh people in 1476 slums are leading a miserable life in Hyderabad. There is no relation between the needs of people and the action plan of bureaucracy. Unless the basic needs of people are met Hyderabad cannot attain the status of a clean city or a world class city. Under these circumstances elections to GHMC assume importance. A good governing council will change the priorities and people get relief.

For conduct of free and fair elections to GHMC, 20 civil society organizations and about 30 individuals have formed a common flat form “Telangana Election Watch (TEW)”. The aims and objectives of TEW are

1. To help citizens to enroll as voters, if not done already
2. To take up awareness campaign for exercising franchise by every voter
3. Not to succumb to bribes, but to vote to a candidate who is having clean image, available locally and who can improve the basic amenities of the locality.
4. To enroll youth, especially the college students for mass campaign to improve voting percentage.
5. Appeal to all political parties not to give tickets to persons having criminal record.
6. Organize common flat form for the contesting candidates (ward wise) for better understanding of the candidate.
7. Collect crime data (if any) of the contesting candidates and release it to press.
8. Liaison with State Election Commission and also election authority (Commissioner GHMC) and assist the authorities in smooth conduct of elections.
9. On the day of poll guiding the people to reach to correct election booth.
10. To inform the concerned officer (on election duty) about the irregularities / violation, if any, taking place on the day of poll.