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ఖైరకాబాడ్ : జాతీయ మాన్యుమెంటిగా గుర్తిం නහර පරුපරි න්ර පරින්තු නිරාපත වණක మంజారు చేస్తున్నా ఆ స్వాయిలో చేసులు హైగ్రామకం లేదని ఫోరం ఎక్ గుడ్ గవర్నెగ్స్ తె ರಿಯತೆನಿಂದಿ ಮಂಗಳವರು ಲಕ್ಷಿಕ್ಕಾರಿಕ್ಸ್ ನಂಭ populati nera beliano sarbitot පරාත්රා සමුම පිද්යා පිද්, යම ජාතික ගැලරි පත් වර්තර පරිශ්රී බරන්ද පත්වර ජාජන దారు. సైట్ కూ ఇన్ఫర్మేషన్ యాగ్ల్ కేంద దార్శనార్ వర కేవలు పావరాదులను మాత్రమే అనుమతించే ಪ್ರೌಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಇತ್ತುವಿತರಕ್ಕು ಮುಂ⊯ಕ್ಷನ ನಿಯೇಗ. ඔබුවේම වරාප එක්සාමු එමෙන විනිවේජ ර්ති රාජු මිප හෙතුවා පත මඩාර්ත්, පරු not piget wall profer artoun కాలుపుంతో సందేహాయిందని, పటిపాతింను నట වූර්ල වර්යාවරාග සුවාරෙන්න ව ఆడేదన వ్యక్తం తేశారు. డార్కివార్ మట్లా ఇన్నర్, නිකර් පරමණක් සේවලද, ස්තුර්ණ කිරේ කතර අතමනු වුණුම විසාලන වේදර రేయాలని నిర్ణయించి నిర్ములు మంజూరు చేశారని 80කර ජනර පිටල් ම ක්රියක් විද්



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రియా మెమోరియెల్ తాండి కట్టడాల మద్దు ఆరీవృద్ధి జరిగిన విడలానే డార్కిపార్ దుబ్బు సేవు దూర్ను పెంది కేవలల పొడతారులు, సందర్శకులు మాత్రమే వచ్చే విడలాకి ప్రభుత్వం చర్వలు తీసుకో చాలన్నారు. 2006 నుంచి ఇక్కడ సమీదు జరుగుతు న్నాయని రెబుతున్నా ఆకంకేన మార్చు కనిమి చరు లేదని వారు తెకిపారు ముందుక్తు ప్రశాకి కత రాజాయ రోజుల్లో కార్మించ్ చుట్నా ఆస్తానకర వాతానరణం మెంకోనీలా ప్రభుత్వం చౌరన మాపాలని వీరు డిమాండ్ చేశారు.

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'Charminar Pedestrian Project proves a letdown'

Despite spending
Rs. 22 crore since
2006 on the
project, there's
nothing much to
show, says Forum
For Good
Governance

Yunus Y. Lasania

HYDERABAD: Say Charminar and the first image that pops up in one's head is that of a crowded road leading to it and congested vicinity around the 400-year-old monument. And to change all that and improve aesthetics, the Charminar Pedestrian Project (CPP) was initiated. Out to 2015, and what is visible is a grante road meant for walking and visible medians, but that is all.

And questioning the pace of works that the CPP has been handled since its inception are the members of Forum For Good Governance, who say that according to an RTI query, successive State governments have spent more than Rs. 22 crore since 2006 on the project, but with



Forum For Good Governance asks the government to take up the Charminar Pedestrian Project on priority basis to ease the congestion in the vicinity.

little to show. Demanding that the State government take up the CPP project on top priority, members of the Forum For Good Governance (FFCG) here on Tuesday said in spite of spending so much money, nothing has come off the project so far.

"In fact, Rs. 37 lakh was given to a firm as consultancy charges alone," pointed out FFCG member Rao Chelikani, at a press conference. The data about the CPP's expenditure shows that so far Rs. 9.39 crore was spent on road works, Rs. 2.41 crore on construction of kerbing, footpaths and granite paving all around Charminar. "Even before the project is completed, the granite works need repair." remarked Mr. Chelikani.

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Padmanabha Reddy from FFCG stated that while other national monuments in India have lung space, the Charminar is congested due to heavy truffic and several encroschments around it.

They also said that roads from Nayapul to Falsinuma palace, Shalibanda, Engine Bowll and other surrounding areas also need to be improved.

TOI Tholis

Activists seek fresh report on Charminar Pedestrianisation Project

Hyderabad: With as much as Rs 22 crore being spent to preserve the historic monument under the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project (CPP) over a period of over eight years, little has changed on the ground activists from forum for Good Governance rued. Based on information obtained under the Right to information (RTI) Act, the FGG said that while around over Rs 35 crore were sanctioned in 2006, only Rs 22.95 crore was actually spent. Of the amount utilized, around Rs 10.26 crore was spent towards

valuation and demolition of structures affected by the CPP, Rs 9.29 crore was spent on laying of roads and around Rs 2.41 crore was used for construction of footpaths and granite paving. However, the amount earmanked for providing lights on the central medians. Rs 1.56 crore, greenery, around Rs 74,000, and funds for road markings was not utilised. FGG secretary M Padmanabha Reddy said it was in 2006 that Rs 35.1 crore was sanctioned. A fresh project report should be sought.

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₹13cr Charminar fund unused

■ GHMC claims to have finished 90% of Charminar pedestrianisation project

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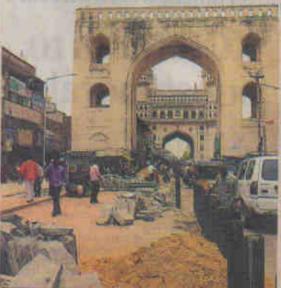
Of the total amount approved according to the Detailed Project Report of the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project, over \$13 crore remains unspent by the GHMC since 2006. However, the corporation claims that 90 per cent of the project is complete.

The roads from Nayapul to Falakriuma Palace via Patharghatti, Charminar, Shalibanda, Engine Bowli and other roads from Murgi Chowk to Etebar Chowk through Lad Bazaar, Sardar Mahal needs immediate repairs.

The CPP envisaged regulating traffic by widening the Inner and Outer Ring Road to develop greenery. Iandscaping fountains and illumination around the monument, which has been reduced to a traffic

In 1999, 79.5 crore was sanctioned by the then MCH for the project. Though the sanctioned amount was spent, not much work was done in 2008, the matter was reforred to CRAPHTS, consultants from Ahme dabad, who had prepared

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UNSPENT MONEY

FOLLOWING IS THE EXPENDITURE ON CHARMINAR PEDES-TRIANISATION PROJECT UP TO MARCH 3, 2015

₹11.05cr

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the Detailed Project Report.

The then AP government had issued an order, GO no. 1218, and sanctioned \$35.10 trure for the CPP Since then the works are said to be going on. RTC buses were

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However, there is no respite from the traffic congestion.

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M Padmanabha Reddy, secretary of Forum for Good Governance said that a reply to an RTI query revealed that out of ₹35.1 crore sanctioned

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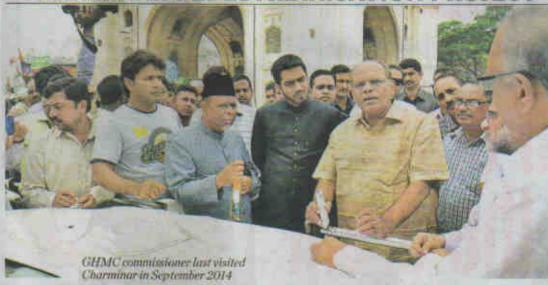
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CHARMINAR PEDESTRIANISATION PROJECT



₹23 crore down the drain

- 16 years have gone by since the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project started and Rs 23 crore has been spent. But there is no visible change
- Civic groups want the project to be handed over to tourism department

OUR BUREAU

The last time the Greater Hyderahad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) officials visited Charminar was on September 9, 2014. A hurriedly conducted meeting with the locals followed by promises that the project would be completed soon was announced. Since then there has been no progress.

This in a way sammarises how the Charminar Pedestrianisation Project (CPP) has progressed since it first started in 1999—meetings followed by inactivity. In response to an RT1 filed by the Forum for Good Governance, the GHMC, has said that till March 2015, Rs 22.96 crore was

spent out of which Rs 10 crore was spent towards—compensation to building owners but failed to provide details on the beneficiaries and how many properties remain to be acquired.

The project promised a vehicle free zone, landscaping, cobbled streets and illumination, except for a small stretch in which stones were laid for pedestrians nothing much happened. M Padmanabha Reddy, secretary, Forum for good Governance, says "People visiting Charminar are not able to even spend a few minutes due to heavy traffic and pollution. It is time the government rethinks and makes amends to all the time lost."

Echoing a similar sentiment, Rao Chelikani, vice president, said, "It is better to handover the project to the tourism department and set a timeline. The GHMC has too many projects in hand."

The authorities are facing resistance from shop owners, pushcart owners and management committees of four religious properties masjid-e-dadamiyan, masjid-e-saleemunissa at Kali Kaman, masjid-e-mansoor Khan and ashoorkhana panjesha at Panjesha.

A senior official of GHMC said that they have had to face opposition from not only single owners but 18 of them from a single building-Jyothi building.