

Hyderabad
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PRESS NOTE

Swatchh Hyderabad programme taken up by the Government of Telangana is a welcome step. As per the press release the programme is concentrating on improvement of city roads, well designed bus bays, multi level parking complexes, vegetable markets, multipurpose halls, public toilets etc. Forum for Good Governance while welcoming the move by the Hon'able Chief Minister of Telangana would like to put people's agenda before the Chief Minister to make Hyderabad Swatchh and a livable city. What the people Hyderabad need is something different from the plan prepared by the GHMC.

We need

- i) **Water** - Sufficient potable water at affordable cost.
- ii) **Drainage** - Effective and functioning drainage system
- iii) **Health care** – Functioning government hospitals with medicines and doctors who can take care of people, especially poor.
- iv) **Education** – Functioning and standard government schools and colleges.
- v) **Slum improvement** – About 30 lakh people in 1500 slums are living in deplorable conditions - They need immediate relief.
- vi) **Transport** - Effective public transport system in core area and connectivity with far-flung colonies around city.

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- vii) **Uninterrupted power supply** – Low power tariff to poor and middle class
- viii) **Efficient public distribution system** - People should get quality provisions with proper weight.
- ix) **Pollution free city** - Air pollution due to vehicular traffic is increasing by day and causing health problems - Control on Air pollution
- x) Polluting industries including plastic industries in and around city to be shifted or closed – effective implementation of pollution control laws.
- xi) Clearing of foot paths and encouraging residents to use of foot paths. 40% of the road accidents are due to pedestrians walking on the roads.
- xii) Effective solid waste management plan – Speedy collection of solid waste generated in the city, proper dumping yard facilities generating energy, fertilizers etc. from solid waste.
- xiii) Security to life and property – effective, efficient and people friendly police.
- xiv) Professional municipal cadre replacing the current unresponsive corrupt municipal officialdom.
- xv) Making citizens participation an integral part of planning and implementation of the programme.
- xvi) Reforms to Municipal Act to control corruption and to prevent encroachments and irregular constructions.
- xvii) **Parks** – In every municipal ward there should be a playground and a park

Forum for Good Governance feels that the felt needs of the people should have priority over scheme prepared by the GHMC. Incidentally many other departments like water board, R&B, electricity, civil supplies are not involved in preparation of action plan, it is like a GHMC plan.

Yours Sincerely

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