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'Swachh Hyderabad campaign flawed'

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Hyderabad: A day before the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) kick-starts the much publicized Swachh Hyderabad programme, civil societies said there are flaws in the Telangana state government's plan.

City-based Forum for Good Governance (FGG) has raised questions over the planning and execution of the programme.

"The whole plan is missing the people's perspective as it is not bus bays or multi-level parking lots that are required now. The people of the city need safe water and uninterrupted power supply," said M P Reddy, secretary, Forum for Good Governance.

He further questioned that a project of this magnitude must involve all other departments like the water board, discoms and the pollution control board.

"There is a need for experts of different fields to come forward and

then work towards a cleaner city," said Rao Chelikani, vice president, FGG.

Incidentally, despite criticism pouring in, the GHMC is all set to launch this campaign from Wednesday in a press communique issued on Tuesday, civic officials said that the programme would be taken up in 400 segments of the city, with chief minister K Chandrababtu Naidu at the helm of affairs.

GHMC TO KICKSTART CAMPAIGN TODAY

These segments would be headed by ministers, parliamentary secretaries, IAS officers and other senior heads of departments. And before the launch of the programme, there would be an orientation programme for all the officials concerned, at Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC) on Wednesday, GHMC said in a release.

Each unit would concentrate on sanitation and other related civic works and one nodal officer would be deployed to each segment to coordinate with the teams.

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'Swachh Hyderabad should have long-term strategy'

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HYDERABAD: The forthcoming Swachh Hyderabad programme should have a long-term strategy and focus on actual needs of people like health care, parks, better transport, slum improvement, uninterrupted power supply and security to life and property, said Forum for Good Governance secretary, M. Padmanabha Reddy.

Welcoming the novel initiative taken up by the Telangana government on Tuesday, he said that aspects like safe and affordable drinking water, proper drainage network and pollution-free environs should be given more importance than features like multi-grade separators. These aspects were gathered after having interactions with residents of different areas in the city, he said.

"What the Hyderabad peo-

ple need is something different from the plans being prepared by the municipal corporation," Mr. Reddy quipped. The long-term plans made by the GHMC did not even involve departments like Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad Metro Water Supply & Sewerage Board and others, he pointed out.

Taking up Swachh Hyderabad for four days will not yield much results as we need a long-term strategy, advocated the Forum's vice-president Rao Chelikani. "For better results, the initiative should be spread out say till 2019, have people's participation and involve the civil society," he said.

The city has about 200 senior citizen associations and numerous resident welfare associations which should be roped in apart from subject experts in various fields, Dr. Chelikani suggested.

