



GHMC commissioner Somesh Kumar presenting a memento inter-governmental panel on climate change director Rajendra Pachauri on the final day of XI Metropolis World Congress on Friday. | EXPRESS PHOTO

'Cities Contributing to Climate Change'

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Hyderabad: Ruing the lack of understanding of climate change in cities, GHMC commissioner Somesh Kumar has called for a better adaptation of strategies related to flood management, water supply and waste disposal and energy efficiency, etc. "There is lack of understanding of climate change in cities. Little attempt has been made to adhere to climate change. Implementation is not linked with climate change and there is a lack of policies, capacity and resources," said Somesh Kumar at a session on 'Adapting to Climate Change in Cities - Hyderabad Experience', on the final day of the XI Metropolis World

Congress here on Friday. "Cities are a major contributor to climate change as they constitute 2 per cent of earth area, 78 per cent energy consumption and 60 per cent carbon dioxide. This makes them highly vulnerable to floods, extreme temperatures, cyclones and storms. The poor and slum-dwellers remain the most vulnerable," Somesh Kumar observed. On solid waste management, he said, "Hyderabad generates 4000 MT of waste. There is a need for segregation of sources and proper treatment. We are going to increase the green cover in the state by 33 per cent and strengthen our public transport system," he added.

Free Wi-Fi Now in Hitec City

Anyone with a valid mobile can access the Internet on their Wi-Fi-enabled devices

ENS Economic Bureau

Hyderabad: Have a valid mobile number and a Wi-Fi-enabled device? If yes, your commute in and around Hitec city has just become interesting, thanks to the free 'Public Wi-Fi' pilot initiative rolled out jointly by the Telangana government and telecom service provider Bharti Airtel.

Nearly 40,000 persons commuting between Cyber towers-Madhapur police station, Cyber Towers-Kothaguda junction and Cyber Towers-Raheja Mindspace circle are now entitled for free internet services of up to 750 mbps per day per user. As a part of its 3-month pilot, Airtel has set hotspots at 17 locations covering a total of 8 km around Hitec city for users to access free internet.

Typically, 750 mbps data usage will allow users with Wi-Fi-enabled devices like smartphones, tablets, laptops, netbooks, phablets, to send nearly 200 mails without attachments and even watch a 2-2.5 hour movie i.e., if the service provider permits. "This is just a beginning. We will come to a position where the entire city will be Wi-Fi enabled in about four months. Tendering pro-



Information technology minister KT Rama Rao and Bharti Airtel (AP & TS) CEO Venkatesh Vijayraghavan at the announcement in Hyderabad on Friday on state's first public Wi-Fi powered by Airtel | EXPRESS PHOTO

cess is going on. The entire 700 sq km of Hyderabad city will be covered under Wi-Fi soon," said IT minister KT Rama Rao.

He added that enabling public access to superior Wi-Fi technology was a part of the government's broader agenda to promote greater digital inclusion for citizens, therefore making Hyderabad, a 'Global Smart City.'

According to Venkatesh Vijayraghavan, CEO, Bharti Airtel, AP and Telangana, optic fiber technology has been used to provide the ser-

vice. "Though the speed of internet will be 40 mbps, the same will depend on number of users at that point of time," he said adding that the company was in the process of working out tariff.

For Airtel, this is the first such free Wi-Fi rollout across the country. After the pilot, Airtel will take a call on how to extend its services. When asked, if Airtel will consider expanding this service to other states, Vijayraghavan said the company was in silent period to discuss expansion plans.

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'Cities Becoming like Computers in Open Air'

by Suhas Yellapantula

Hyderabad: An architect and engineer by training, Carlo Ratti practises in Italy and teaches at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the US where he directs the Senseable City Lab. He has co-authored over 250 publications and is regular contributor to several magazines and newspapers worldwide. Now in Hyderabad to attend the XI Metropolis World Congress, Carlo speaks to Suhas Yellapantula about the changes taking place in cities, his impression about Hyderabad and the challenges that lie ahead. Excerpts:



Q&A Carlo Ratti

What is your idea of a smart city?

We prefer to call them Senseable cities, it focuses more on the human, instead of technological side. What is happening on an urban scale today is similar to what happened two decades ago in Formula One

racing. Up to that point, success on the circuit was primarily credited to a car's mechanics and the driver's raw capabilities. But then telemetry technology blossomed. The car was transformed into a computer that was monitored in real time by thousands of sensors, becoming 'intelligent' and better able to respond to the conditions of the race. In a similar way, digital technologies have begun to blanket our cities, forming the backbone of a large, intelligent infrastructure. Broadband fiber-optic and wireless telecommunication grids are supporting mobile phones, smartphones and

tablets. Add to this foundation a relentlessly growing network of sensors and digital control technologies, all tied together by chip, powerful computers, and our cities are quickly becoming like 'computers in open air.'

What is your impression of Hyderabad?

Hyderabad has an impressive architectural heritage and the recent development linked with new technologies. The union of these two components makes it a very interesting place to live in.

How are we progressing in developing cities?

We can see several cities focusing on smart cities

but there is no single solution that suits all. It is very important to understand that different places, with different cultural backgrounds, history and morphology, require ad hoc solutions that take into account the uniqueness of the framework. An architect would research and understand the topography, the site, the context, and then plan accordingly.

What are the challenges that lie ahead?

The main challenge is to give citizens the right instrument to manage their cities and to improve their environment. I favour a bottom-up approach to development of a smart city.

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