

Rain Resilience – is Hyderabad ready??

TRS is doing great injustice to Hyderabad Citizens: Ms Karuna Gopal

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Ms. Karuna Gopal, BJP Leader and President Futuristic Cities, Hyderabad

Hyderabad (Urban Transport News): [Ms Karuna Gopal](#), BJP leader, Member, BJP National Manifesto Sub-Committee, Smart Cities Advisor & President Futuristic Cities; addressing media at the BJP office, today, on issues plaguing the city of Hyderabad, said, “monsoon, a season that is to be celebrated is in fact being dreaded by citizens of Hyderabad, off late.”

She went on to question the TRS government for its gross apathy to the problems on hand and complete lack of planning for Urban Telangana, especially Hyderabad.

She said, Monsoon has begun so has the annual ordeal for Hyderabad citizens! Why is it that this Monsoon Suffering, year after year has become Inevitable for Hyderabad?

Last weeks first appearance of monsoon shower has managed to throw the city into utter chaos. We experienced Flooding of roads, complete inundation low-lying areas, uprooting of trees, electricity poles and cables, falling of hoardings and overflowing of storm water drains. Very soon the city will experience water borne diseases as rainwater mixes with sewerage water and pollutes drinking water.

She raised a series of questions on poor urban planning and development by the current ruling party Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) in Hyderabad.

She said that when TRS came in to power in 2014, they promised that Hyderabad will be shaped into a GLOBAL CITY! But nothing is done. We wish to ask TRS government whether this is the definition of a Global city? Can TRS show me ONE Global City that comes to a stand still with just a few millimeters of rain?

She pointed out that, In 2015, when [Smart Cities Mission](#) was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, KTR, the Urban Minister of Telangana said we don't have to be a part of the Mission as we are already a [SMART CITY!](#) We wish to ask KTR today whether CITIZENS of Hyderabad will accept that it is a Smart City?

In 2016, KTR said, we will make Hyderabad Olympics ready! How many of his own colleagues will accept that this city is Olympics ready? Knowing Hyderabad's history of flooding, why are TRS being so casual? Why are TRS not looking at LONG TERM solutions?

Pointing out on revenue generation and contribution to Telangana Government, she said that Hyderabad city contributes almost 75 % of Telangana GDP. Telangana [GDP](#) is at 8.5 lakh crore about 120 billion USD. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) property tax collections was around 1500 crores. GHMC lists its bonds on BSE bond platform. The civic body became the second to list its bonds on the BSE's newly launched bond platform. But why it has poor infrastructure? Is Hyderabad not in the priority of TRS?

Hyderabad was branded and brandished as a GLOBAL CITY and TRS govt has no Urban Minister. Commenting on the poor urban development, she said,

“ *SRDP violates are principles of sustainable development, encouraging private cars! Hyderabad today is choked with 50 lakh vehicles, 41 lakh two wheelers and 9 lakh 4 wheelers. The city is registering 1000 new vehicles everyday!!!*

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She alleged on TRS that they have violated UN Habitat's RIGHT to the CITY framework where the city strives to guarantee decent life for citizens.

It is pertinent to mention here that Ms Karuna Gopal is the visionary and author of “[Vision Hyderabad 2030](#)“, which was unveiled last year in the city. She is an active member of editorial advisory board of Urban Transport News.

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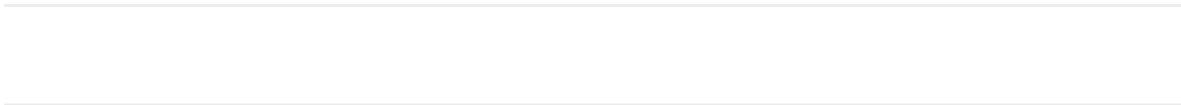
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