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GHMC panel on welfare schemes

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Mayor B. Kartika Reddy has announced the formation of a four-member committee headed by the Special Commissioner to prepare guidelines for taking up welfare activities including poverty alleviation programmes.

Additional Commissioner (IT) and Additional Commissioner (Elections) are the other members while Additional Commissioner (UCD) is the Convenor.

The committee would look into convergence with schemes of other departments with special focus on women households. The guidelines prepared are to be submitted to the GHMC commissioner before Feb.10th, an official spokesperson said. The panel came into being following a request by the Mayor to the Commissioner on the issue. She pointed out that the municipal corporation while concentrating on civic infrastructure was lagging behind in welfare activities of the urban poor.

The Standing Committee and other corporators were insisting on implementing such welfare activities with the cooperation of departments like Women and Child Welfare, Disabled Welfare, Rural Development, etc.

The matter was also discussed in the Standing Committee meeting where it was decided to formulate guidelines and also identify new schemes for the poor, she added.