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## **GHMC resorts to geotagging of government lands to curb encroachments**

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HYDERABAD: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has drawn plans to keep a check against unscrupulous elements applying for building permissions online on encroached government lands with the help of geotagging.

The move is designed to protect water bodies and lands related to endowment, Wakf and urban land ceiling. GHMC will geotag the details of all the government lands in the twin cities with the help of Hyderabad district administration to have a clear idea about the ownership of the lands under GHMC.

Rangareddy and Medchal districts have already geotagged all revenue land records data pertaining to their districts.

The main idea is that if persons, who apply for building permission online for government lands or in Full Tank Level (FTL) of water bodies, they can be caught when he files the survey numbers.

If the survey number matches with that of government land data geotagged in the system, they will get rejected. Geotagging would put an end to manual applications and having to attend offices. GHMC said that the move would stop land sharks. Land sharks would submit fake documents and bribes to town planning section had obtained building permissions on government lands.

Since Oct 2016, GHMC has stopped accepting manual applications both for buildings and has put in place Online Building Approval System (DPMS). But separate data on lands concerned has not been uploaded or geotagged in the DPMS online system as it does not have proper data. Survey numbers are being sought from the district administration.

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