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## **GHMC to Train 500 Poor Women Cab Drivers**

To empower and generate employment for poor and marginalised women, the GHMC has decided to provide training to 500 women as cab drivers soon.

GHMC commissioner Somesh Kumar will convene a meeting on December 26 with a motor driving school, Raksha Motor Driving School, which provides training for women in driving taxis.

GHMC officials of Urban Community Development (UCD) wing told Express that a good number of applications have been received by the GHMC in the last few days.

The proposed training would be provided to the candidates till they become proficient in driving.

Women who applied for cab training will be handpicked from

poor and marginalised sections of the society to enable them to earn their livelihood. Most number of applications have been received from the Central Zone followed by East Zone and South Zone. About a dozen women also hold driving licenses. Besides technical training, the module also focuses on personal grooming, honing language skills and developing a feeling of empowerment among the women of marginalised sections.

Even in technical training the women would be acquainted with the mechanism of a car and taught to change flat tyres and fix minor problems, officials said.

GHMC will make efforts for their placements in companies, call centres, other government departments that require women cab drivers.