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World Congress members to get a glimpse of Hyderabad wonders

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HYDERABAD: The secrets of delicious Hyderabad Biryani will soon be known farther and wider with organizers of the XI Metropolis World Congress cooking up plans to publish a handy guide to the wonders of Hyderabad. This little book will be given to all the delegates attending the meet.

In addition to information about Hyderabad Biryani, over 1,000 international delegates will find information about Falaknuma Palace, Chowmohalla Palace, Golconda Fort and development projects like the 11.5 km Elevated PVNR Expressway. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has been compiling information for the book for sometime now.

The delegates would be taken to see Hyderabad metro rail works, the reclamation of Hussainsagar Lake being taken up by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) with financial assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), heritage conservation works at Falaknuma and emergency medical services like 108 and others.

Interestingly, the Telangana state government which organized Independence Day celebrations at Golconda Fort has decided to conduct some programmes like a public talk and discussion on 'Story of Indian Cities' at Golconda apart from organizing an art exhibition on Telangana at Taramati Baradari.

The XI Metropolis World Congress with the theme 'Cities for All' will be held from October 7 to 10 at HICC, Madhapur. Delegates from about 60 countries are expected to participate in the event.

"There is an overwhelming response from the international delegates. Till now nearly 950 delegates from 75 cities across the globe have registered for the metropolis meet. Iran is sending a delegation with 30 members to the event. The number of delegates is likely to touch about 1,200," GHMC commissioner Somesh Kumar told TOI.

Different subjects pertaining to the metropolis cities would come up for discussion during the meet. They include 100 Smart Cities India Way Forward - Cooperation for Indian Smart, Healthy People-Health Cities by World Health Organization, Green Building towards Sustainable Cities, Driving Youth Engagement in Cities, Housing for All, New Cities, Satellite Cities and e-Urban Governance.

"Nearly 175 speakers including Jean-Paul Huchon, president of Metropolis and President of Ile-de-France Region; Xavier Trias, Mayor of Barcelona and Kadir Topbas, Mayor of Isanbul would speak on different subjects.

"Spanish and French translators are being engaged for the delegates," the commissioner said.

While the GHMC has sought Rs 18 crore from the Centre for organizing the event, the state government has sanctioned Rs 10 crore.

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