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## GHMC to introduce video conferencing

HYDERABAD: The GHMC is planning to introduce video-conferencing for interaction between the head office, zonal offices and municipal circle offices, commissioner Somesh Kumar said on Friday. The system is being introduced to reduce fuel costs, he said Kumar. Tenders for setting up the system have been floated and will be finalized soon, he said.

Kumar said the GHMC would also start another call centre number 21111111 from February 17 to receive public grievances. The existing number (155304) would also be in service, he said.

The corporation would also introduce a biometric attendance system in a couple of days as there were allegations that the staff either comes late or does not attend office regularly, Kumar said.

"It came to my notice that some of the employees are not attending office or leaving early on the pretext of office work or meetings. They should record their attendance. If they want to leave the office, they have to write it in the register citing the reason as well," Kumar said.

The commissioner said that with various wings of the

corporation facing a staff crunch, orders have been issued to recruit 370 persons on outsourcing basis.