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## **GHMC focus on forming more SHGs**

Self-help groups to create awareness on sanitation

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has targeted to form 2,632 Self Help Groups (SHGs) during this year. It wants to involve SHGs to create awareness on sanitation, segregation, house-to-house garbage collection and also to coordinate these groups with auto trolley drivers and sanitary field assistants in ensuring proper disposal and transport to transfer stations.

Commissioner B. Janardhan Reddy said bank linkage of Rs. 10 lakh each would be provided to about 11 groups which have already cleared loans by August 15.

There was also a proposal to start another five night shelters in addition to the existing 12 with SHGs assistance. The civic body was keen on strengthening the existing Urban Community Development (UCD) wing and last year 12,082 SHGs were processed with Rs. 298 crore loans through bank linkage. Close to 8,823 beneficiaries for single women pensions were identified and 25 sites for community toilets would be

built, the Commissioner said.