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### Skyscraper coming up in Mangalore

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*After 25th floor, each flat to have a pool*

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MANGALORE: The tallest building of Mangalore is expected to be located near the Kadri Park and will be ready by 2014. To be called "Planet SKS", it will be a luxury residential building. This 35-storeyed 375-foot building will have 484 three-bedroom and four-bedroom units. This is expected to be city's first building to have rooftop helipad.

This Rs. 150-crore building was coming up on 4.25 acres of land off the National Highway No. 17. At present, the tallest building in the city is the 23-storeyed "K2" in Falnir, which is 200-ft tall. Mangalore City Corporation Town Planning Officer Balakrishna Gowda confirmed this to The Hindu. He said the SKS Planet was the tallest proposed.

The first 25 floors of the Planet SKS will have three-bedroom flats, while the 26 to 35th floors will have four-bedroom flats with each of the floors having a 'lap' pool. The three-bedroom flats are 3,300 square feet each while the four-bedroom flats are 6,600 square feet, said Shashi Kiran Shetty, Chairman and Managing Director of the SKS Netgate Pvt. Ltd., which is constructing the building.

The feature of this building, Mr. Shetty said, would be the greenery and availability of natural

light.

While the three wings of the building would come up on the 7 lakh square feet of land, about three acres of land had been earmarked for landscaping.

It would have four-floored covered car park area which would accommodate about 450 cars, including 30 vehicles of visitors. There would be a 30-foot waterfall using recycled water.

The building would have a separate sewerage treatment plant and there would be use of LED lights. The building would go in for rainwater harvesting.

“We are adopting features that will help us get the silver rating from the Indian Green Building Council,” said Mr. Shetty.

### Booking

Mr. Shashi Kiran Shetty said the company had commenced booking for the project. It was charging Rs. 4,000 a sq. ft. “About 30 per cent of the flats have already been booked,” Mr. Shetty said. Apart from the Mangaloreans, the company is eyeing people from Mumbai, Bangalore and the Non-Resident Indians.