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BMC spread of toilet net across Capital

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TAKING a cue from Bollywood potboiler 'Toilet Ek Premkatha', which made a bid to highlight the real life crisis, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) is all set to roll out 84 new toilet projects in the Capital City.

While 23 toilets will be dedicated to the society during the three-day Local Self Governance Day (LSGD) celebrations from August 29, the rest under construction will be handed over in the second phase.

Sources said, of these 23 toilets, 17 are of hybrid category and six are community toilets. The BMC has, in fact, planned to have 103 toilets including 26 community toilets, 27 public toilets and 50 hybrid toilets to ensure cleaner and safer city life.

The hybrid toilets have been installed near DAV School at Chandrasekharapur, XIMB square, Tankapani road, near RTO office and Mancheswar police station, Niladri Vihar, Jaydev Vihar, Prabhuji English Medium School in VSS Nagar, IDCO field, Satyanagar and near Venkateswara English Medium School.

"Funded by BMC, the toilets have been constructed by Sulabh International, which will

also look after future operation and maintenance," said a BMC official.

Similarly, of 26 community toilet projects, which are usually for slum areas, six will be inaugurated during the LSGD event.

The toilets are funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation under Project Samman.

"The operation and maintenance of these toilets will be looked after by Ward Sanitation Committee (WSCs) in the local-



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ity. While the committees have already been formed for six community toilets, the rest will be formed after completion of these toilets," the official added.

Of 27 public toilets under Project Samman, 19 have been handed over and are functioning at different places. Sulabh International is looking after the operation and maintenance. People, however, will not be charged for using the public toilets for urination.

