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KTR for more pedestrian skyways to curb mishaps

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HYDERABAD: Coming close on the heels of a shocking revelation that pedestrians accounted for close to 30 per cent of the total road deaths till March this year, the municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) wing has stepped in with a firm assurance that the city will have more interconnected pedestrian skyways at busy traffic junctions in the city.

“@KTRTRS (municipal administration minister KT Rama Rao) has asked us to look into the possibility of having more inter-connected pedestrian skyways at traffic junctions. We should be able to finalise and take up a few in the coming months at important junctions with heavy pedestrian footfalls,” tweeted principal secretary, MA&UD, Arvind Kumar, in reply to a citizen’s post on construction of pedestrian bridges in the city.

Statistics available with the Hyderabad traffic police department have shown that 21 pedestrians had lost their lives in the first three months of this year alone.

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Almost all the existing footpaths in greater Hyderabad are non walkable due to encroachments and due to their mindless design.Satyavati

An analysis by traffic police in collaboration with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has identified the low or down gradient near TV9 office in Banjara Hills, LV Prasad Marg in Banjara Hills, Chutneys on Road No 2, Banjara Hills, Rail Nilayam in East Marredpally, Secunderabad, Tank Bund and Peddamma Temple in Jubilee Hills, as some of the pedestrian hotspots which are accident-prone.

Senior traffic cops said these are some of the blackspots where the maximum number of pedestrian deaths have been recorded. A majority of victims were pedestrians in 2016 which recorded 941 accidents within Hyderabad limits, while 880 such accidents were recorded last year.