

IT firms gear up for smart city mission

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THE IT companies in the city are now busy gearing up for the smart city mission which requires introducing technology-based solutions for residents.

TCS has started creating joint teams of specialists from across all its verticals. Tanmoy Chakrabarty, VP and head government practice, said that the company has also started proactively talking to the various municipal corporations and the ministry of urban development.

Right from urban planning to waste disposal, the concept of smart cities rely on technologies, especially Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Internet of Things (IoT), for making civic procedures more efficient and reliable.

Chakrabarty said that fleet management and tackling of passenger vehicles were some of the concepts TCS would be

working in. The company has already worked with municipal corporations of Mumbai, Kolkata and Ahmedabad.

Pune-based KPIT has set up focused teams from its business IT and engineering verticals. Anil Patwardhan, senior VP, said, "We hope transparency is maintained in the process and a nodal agency should be there to coordinate the efforts."

Air Vice Marshall (AVM) Dattatray Pande, VP, government, defence and aviation, Persistent Systems, said that technology companies would help define the smart city framework. "Such framework will help in prioritising projects for smart cities," he said.

Kunal Kumar, municipal commissioner of Pune, said the city administration was working with Nasscom, SEAP and all other platforms related to IT companies. "We are trying to make Pune a model for other cities when it comes to working on the smart city model."