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## Got plans for cleaner Ahmedabad? Write to AMC

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Here's your chance to be part of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation's efforts to clean the city. The civic body has uploaded the draft of its City Sanitation Plan (CSP) on its website [www.egovamc.com](http://www.egovamc.com). Residents can access the document and even send in their suggestions, which will be incorporated by the civic body in its CSP.

Aimed at developing and maintaining clean, green and pleasant environment the city, AMC, as per instructions from Government of India, has prepared a CSP in which it will include proposals to fill the gap in sanitation services.

With this, the city has become the first municipal corporation in the state to prepare such a report. Elaborating on the same, a senior official of AMC stated "We intend to achieve the target of having total sanitation by the year 2036. Proper planning is required to achieve such a target. People can send in their suggestions which we will consider in the next stakeholder meeting." The feasible suggestions will then be incorporated in the report, which will be sent to the Government of India.

As per the guidelines of the government, it is mandatory for every city to have a CSP. Municipal corporations are even working aggressively on the task.

The report has been prepared for AMC by Urban Management Centre (UMC) a non-profitable organization. UMC Director Manvita Baradia stated that the organisation has guided AMC in toilet sanitation, drainage lines and storm water lines. "Till now, AMC was into planning for new roads and water supply, but not sanitation. With the expansion of the city, there is need to have a proper plan for the city's sanitation and how to achieve the target of total sanitation," she said.

Talking about the present condition of the city, a senior AMC official stated that the city ranked 17th in the country as per the sanitation check conducted by the government of India in 2006-07. "With effective implementation of the plan, open defecation will drastically reduce and sanitation in the city will increase," the official added.

The draft report prepared has rated AMC on different scales of sanitation in the city. AMC scores low in terms of access and use of public toilets by urban population. The draft report of city sanitation plan has highlighted the onsite observation a

In terms of open defecation, the draft rated AMC at 0.67 out of 4, as open defecation was observed at eight out of 12 sites visited. However, AMC got 5 out of 6 for safe collection of total human excreta for its 96% collection.

In the category of the proportion of treated waste-water that is recycled and reused, AMC was rated zero out of 3, as no recycling of water was found.

For the proportion of total solid waste that is regularly collected, AMC scores just 1 out of 4. The report stated that 2,683 tonnes of waste was collected against generation of 3,252 tonnes, which is just 83%. Also, cases of littering observed at 14 places out of 18 places visited.

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation



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