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Amdavadis pick cash over cleanliness

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The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) had uploaded the City Sanitati Plan on its website and provided two mail ids for citizens to send in their feedback. However, despite getting a whole month, Amdavadis seem to have thrown away an opportunity to have a say in making the city cleaner either du to ignorance or sheer indifference.

“We got around 18 mails, but all were concerning tax payment and related queries,” an AMC official in charge of the CSP said.

Manvita Baradi, director of Urban Management Centre (UMC), an NGO which had helped the AMC prepare the sanitation plan said the civic body should ha focused more on publicising the plan and spreading awareness about the CSI

Will citizens get another chance then? The official ruled out any extension in dates, saying that they would now consider the suggestions sent by stakeholders of the CSP.

The civic body is planning to conduct a meeting of stakeholders soon. “The stakeholders would involve all those involved in the sanitation of the city like NGOs, labour unions, citizens, senior citizens, members of Gujarat Pollution Control Board, slum dwellers, academic institutions etc,” the official said.

The civic body along with the UMC had drawn up the city sanitation plan with the aim of creating a greener and cleaner environment.

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