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## Machine to clean Mysore roads soon

**M**ysore City Corporation is all set to ensure all important roads are clean. The main thoroughfares of the city will resemble that of the Raj Bhavan road in Bangalore. Guess what? The MCC will soon have truck-mounted road sweeping machines.

Unlike the Bangalore City Corporation, which has outsourced the works to clean roads at Rs 18 lakh a month, the MCC has decided to own the vehicle, under the State Government's Rs 100 crore special grant. These machines can clean up to 10 km in a stretch and will be pressed into service on the main roads of the city including the Sayyaji Rao Road, DD Urs Road, Albert Victor Road, Irwin road, JLB Road, Ashoka Road from next month.

Speaking to the *Deccan Herald*, MCC Health Officer Nagaraj said that the tender process was completed and the Corporation would soon have two truck-mounted road sweeping machines and two footpath cleaning machines. Similar machines are being used to clean several main roads in Bangalore. Each road sweeping machine will cost around Rs 1.2 crore and Rs 20 lakh for a footpath cleaning machine.

### Functions

The machine will have one central brush, two side brushes and a vacuum suction head, along with water spray facility during cleaning. The machine is capable of sweeping a road width of upto 3600 mm approximately in one sweep run.

The side brushes can be extended on the sides, for cleaning of deposits along the road kerbs. The machine will have a container capacity of 5m, which ensures that the machine can be used for sweeping application for a much longer time period and does not require frequent travel to the dumping grounds for discharge of material.

The footpath cleaning machines will help in maintaining the pedestrian walkway and it is easy to operate and can be handled by one or



two persons.

### Committee formed

The MCC has roped in mechanical and technical engineers from NIE and JCE Colleges and an engineer from BEML who will certify the quality and performance of the machines, before purchasing it. The authorities have also planned to give the maintenance and operational contract to the supplying company as handling these machines need specially trained manpower.

### Night duty

The cleaning process will be done during nights as there will be no traffic. Whereas, the work will be carried out during morning hours on the roads like the link roads, where there is less traffic.

The MCC has also planned to implement manual road cleaning works during night hours. Tenders will be invited for the same soon after the current contract ends, according to Nagaraj.

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