

BMP's cleanliness drive proceeding at snail's pace



Even after BMP issued orders not to dump garbage on vacant sites, huge pile of waste is seen in Vasanthnagar. —Express photo

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Nov 28: The Bangalore Mahanagara Palike's (BMP) drive to keep the vacant residential sites clean, is moving at snail's pace. But officials claim that the work is in progress and there has been some amount of development.

BMP issued a notification in October asking site owners to clean their sites within a week. It also warned the site owners of action if they failed to do so. However, in many areas like

Banaswadi, HRBR Layout, Koramangala, JC Nagar, RT Nagar and Vasanth Nagar, the BMP is yet to begin any such drive. "The officials do not inspect the areas regularly.

They are unaware of the situation. The growth of parthenium (plant which causes severe respiratory problems) along with mounting garbage, is a nuisance," said Reena G K, a resident of HRBR Layout.

Sunitha P, a resident of Koramangala, said that the areas

were not maintained properly. "The vacant sites are converted into dumping yards by the people residing in the vicinity. This should be strictly forbidden. The BMP should undertake a strict drive to clean up the areas and fence them," he said.

Sunitha Reddy, a resident of Vasanth Nagar, said that mere cleanliness of the sites was not sufficient. People should be educated and hefty fines should be imposed to curb such practices.

Deputy Commissioner (Health), Manu Baligar, told this paper that the department was constantly striving to ensure cleanliness in residential areas.

"Changes cannot happen overnight. It will take time to ensure that the residential areas are well maintained and the department works in coordination with the zonal officers. We are aware of the health hazards and are on a constant drive to keep them clean," he claimed.

Baligar added that the BMP, based on the complaints of the residents, cleans the sites and collects cleanliness and labor charges from the owner of the site.

BMP Commissioner K Jairaj said that people should not hesitate to make complaints, as this would help the department maintain a clean environment. "I will review and ensure that the rules are enforced and essential action is taken".

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