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## Special cleanliness drive in twin cities

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HUBLI: Mayor Viranna Savadi on Tuesday announced that a special cleanliness drive, beginning from the slums, would be taken up in all wards of the twin cities in the next two days.

The Mayor made this announcement after heated discussions on the issue of lack of cleanliness at a special general body meeting of the Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation.

The Mayor said that there were 115 personnel in the Health Department of the corporation and they would be deployed for the special cleanliness drive in each ward for three to four days.

The drive would be completed by August-end, he said.

The Mayor ruled that the work of the contractors looking after solid waste management in the twin cities would be subjected to a third party inspection in the wake of complaints of poor maintenance.

He said along with the cleanliness drive, there would be an awareness campaign in all the localities.

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Earlier in the meeting, corporators cutting across party lines took the officials to task for "negligence" in maintaining cleanliness in the twin cities. Senior corporators from the Bharatiya Janata Party Pandurang Patil and Ashok Jadhav, Congress corporators Deepak Chinchore, Ganesh Tagargunti, Janata Dal (Secular) corporators Hazrat Ali Dodmani and Saroja Patil criticised the functioning of the Health Department of the corporation.

They said that the officials of the Health Department did not act while dengue, chikungunya and other diseases were spreading fast in the corporation limits.

They launched "precautionary measures" only a few days ago, the corporators said.