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## PMC collects fine from defaulters

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PATNA: Continuing its special drive against erring shop owners who throw garbage on city roads, the Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) on Tuesday imposed fine on 23 such shopkeepers.

A PMC team conducted the drive on city's Fraser Road, Gandhi Maidan, Exhibition Road and New Market areas and found that 23 shopkeepers had not placed their dustbins, as asked earlier, and were throwing garbage on roads, which led to imposition of fine.

The PMC team also collected fine from three street vendors who too were found to be throwing garbage on roads.

"A total of Rs 3,200 was collected from the defaulters as fine," PMC Nootan Rajdhani circle executive officer Vinay Sharan Verma said.

The corporation had launched the drive on Monday and on the very first day Rs 2,500 was collected as fine from the erring shopkeepers.

Prior to the launch of the drive, the corporation had launched a

three-day special drive informing the shopkeepers that they should keep their own dustbins and PMC special sanitation teams would collect the garbage from their shops so that roads could be kept clean.

Meanwhile, the Nootan Rajdhani circle has also got rid of many of the unused vehicles which had become junk and were lying on the circle's office premises for years together.

"A sum of Rs 5.80 lakh was earned by auction of these old vehicles," Verma said and added that competitive bidding, in which about 500 bidders took part, allowed the corporation to get higher prices for the old vehicles, base prices for which were fixed on the basis of the report of local motor vehicle inspector.