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Gomtinagar ward in swachh hall of fame, bags first rank

In Survey, Rajiv Gandhi Ward In Viram Khand Cleanest. Residents' Passion And Sacrifice Helped Tilt The Scales



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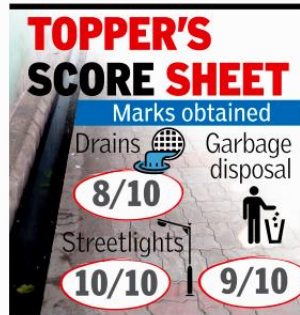
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Clean city is the dream of all but the residents of Rajiv Gandhi (2) municipal ward in Viram Khand of Gomtinagar have shown how to achieve it. Direct involvement of residents in keeping their area spic and span saw the ward bagging the award for being the cleanest among 110 wards in Lucknow, in a swachhta survey conducted by the state urban development department recently. Rajiv Gandhi ward scored 27 out of 30 points on the three parameters of garbage disposal, drains and streetlights. Its another highlight was the green cover, made possible by planting of saplings by the residents.

How They Achieved It

Chairman Bharat Raj, who is director general at a private college, said: "We all gave at least an hour daily for these chores."

Committee's secretary Ramavan Singh, a businessman, said, "Two sanitary workers fell sick, so the workload increased. We had problems in clean-



Times View

Kudos to the residents of Rajiv Gandhi (2) municipal ward who worked to make their ward the number one in cleanliness in the city. LMC must replicate the model in other wards. A platform should also be created for interaction and exchange of ideas between resident welfare associations of different wards. The association members can pay a visit to the ward for first-hand experience

ing the drains as rest of the sanitary workers were involved in sweeping the roads and removing garbage from roads. So, the rest of the team took up the task of cleaning drains."

Committee member Parmanand Pandey, a banker, said, "Every morning, my team would first sweep the

roads and sprinkle water on roads to settle the dust. Residents supported us by providing us water supply from their homes. They also contributed money to give sanitary workers for their efforts to clean the area"

What Residents Say

"As residents, we also have responsibility to keep our ward clean. Every morning me and my friends clean the roads in front of our houses, we also encourage our neighbours to do the same," said Akhil Verma.

"We are proud of winning this competition, I urged my son to join his friends for cleaning of roads, spray water on trees and dump household garbage in dustbins. I have planted 12 new saplings in front of my house to ensure greenery," said Saumya Asthana.

Corporator of Rajiv Gandhi ward, Arun Kumar said, "We had hired 25 sanitary workers for cleaning. We bagged the award owing to the efforts of the residents. Winning the competition has encouraged us to continue our work and ensure cleanliness in this ward."