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Garbage piles up in Mangalore's corporation's backyard

MANGALORE: There's always darkness below the lamp post, so goes a Kannada adage. This sits well in the case of the Mangalore City Corporation. For there's a huge garbage pile-up, right behind the council hall, near the mayor's chamber.

The clean city campaign started with much fanfare with even Mayor Mahabala Marla wielding the broom a fortnight ago. Now that's a forgotten story.

Surprisingly, none in the corporation have noticed what's happening in their backyard. A civic worker, who removes dead leaves at the pavements in and around the corporation premises, said she was directed by the authorities to dump the foliage at the empty barricade space behind the city corporation. Perhaps, the authorities thought that only leaves would be dumped there and failed to take corrective steps even when other rubbish like plastic, thermocol, empty beverage packs was dumped there. The thermocol and plastic is not under the heap of leaves, but on top of the dead leaves indicating that the spot may soon turn into a dumping ground if

the corporation does not take corrective steps.

When it was brought to the notice of corporation officials, some were clueless. The mayor wasn't aware of this while residents wondered if the MCC will first put its own backyard in order.

Mahabala Marla, mayor said: It had not come to my notice. I will look into it so that it is cleared expeditiously. Santosh Salian, visitor at the corporation said: It is sad to see the corporation premises becoming a dumping ground for waste. If they do not keep their backyard clean, how can we expect them to clear out garbage from streets?