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RMC to run special bus for women

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RAJKOT: The Rajkot Municipal Corporation is planning to run a bus exclusively for the women of the city.

The bus, the brainchild of mayor Sandhya Vyas, will be manned by women driver and conductor and will start plying on the city routes from August 15, said Vyas, adding: "This will be my gift to the women."

"I have seen that on many occasions, women avoiding travelling in a bus because it is over-crowded with men. This bus will benefit a lot of women, especially schoolgirls," she said.

The route is yet to be worked out, but the bus is expected to take a route routes passing from markets, religious centres and educational institutes.

The bus will have a different colour probably pink and design so that it can be identified from a distance. RMC may also use it to

create awareness on various issues and if the idea is well received, RMC will run more buses exclusively for women, said sources.