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## Sanitation milestone for municipality

The Sembakkam Municipality has declared its 15 wards as “open defecation free” following a survey some time ago, said Municipal Commissioner K. Rajendran.

He said the Municipality has made a public announcement in this regard. If there is any dispute over the claim or suggestions to improve hygiene, residents can write to the authorities and the necessary steps would be taken to rectify the issue, he said.

Social activists said that many of the wards that have been declared open defecation-free are urban in nature. Certain others that form part of the lake bed, such as wards 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10, have been made ODF areas by enforcing discipline among residents.