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## Coimbatore Corpn. holds Swachh Sarvekshan meeting

Coimbatore Corporation on Wednesday held a Swachh Sarvekshan meeting for its officers to prepare them for the next round of clean city rankings. The event also saw the civic body release bags that would serve as alternatives to plastic carry bags.

Sources in the Corporation said that the sanitary inspectors, zonal sanitary officers and field-level engineers were told about various components of the Swachh Sarvekshan rankings and which component would carry how much marks. The Central Government is expected to start the country-wide ranking for clean cities in January 2018.

The participants were told that this time the Government had laid emphasis on direct observation and citizen feedback by increasing their marks by 5 % each and reducing by 10 % the marks given for service level progress.

The field-level staff were also told to look about the facilities citizens needed in public and community toilets and their level of usage.

## Discussion with

### German firm

Meanwhile, the Coimbatore Corporation officials and representatives of non-government organisations held a preliminary meeting with Fraunhofer India team to explore how the latter could aid city development.

The German agency had recently announced its intention to set up a lab in Coimbatore to help in urban development. As part of the announcement, members from the German agency met the civic body officials and NGO representatives to understand what the city needed most and how they could contribute for the city's development.

Sources said the interaction would continue before both sides arrived at a consensus on where the city could tap the German expertise.