

6,300 MTD waste collected in 2022, 15 pc jump from last year

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The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) collected an average of 6,385 metric tonnes per day (MTD) waste from its 24 municipal wards in 2022 — a 15% jump from 2020-21, wherein 5,500 MTD was collected, a report by Praja Foundation revealed.

The data also revealed that a total of 12,351 solid waste management related civic complaints had been reported in 2022. In the previous year, 11,056 complaints were lodged, reflecting an increase of 12 per cent.

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The report reveal that weighing at 0.90 kg, 0.84 kg and 0.76 kg respectively, the highest per capita/day waste in 2022, had been collected from Mumbai corporation's A ward which covers Churchgate, Colaba, Navy Nagar, B ward that covers Masjid Bunder, Mohd Ali Road, Dongri and Bhendi Bazaar and H/West ward covering western areas Bandra, Khar and Santacruz.

Meanwhile, the maximum waste collected per day was from L ward that includes Sakinaka, Chandivali, Asaloha and Kurla, G/North ward including Dharavi, Mahim and Dadar as well as K/East ward which covers Andheri East, Jogeshwari and Vile Parle, at a total of 491 MTD, 459 MTD and 441 MTD respectively.

"Effective decentralisation of solid waste management is the need of the hour to manage and process waste at source," said Yogesh Mishra, Head – Research and Analysis of Praja Foundation.

About 88 per cent of Mumbai's waste is sent to the Kanjurmarg landfill while 12 per cent is directed to the Deonar dumping ground

"With decentralised waste management processes, BMC can reduce the cost to transport waste to landfills. An approximate calculation of the cost to collect and transport One MTD of waste to the landfill from all 24 wards is Rs. 3,840/day. Hence, to transport 6,300 MTD of waste, it costs BMC Rs. 2.42 crore/day and annually, this cost is as high as Rs 883 crore", said Milind Mhaske, CEO of Praja Foundation.

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