

Swachh mission: Bhubaneswar to get 17 smart toilets on Aug 31

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BHUBANESWAR: The Smart City will get smart toilets on local self-governance day on August 31.

The [Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation \(BMC\)](#) has readied 17 of the 50 'modern' public toilets proposed under the Ama Sauchalaya scheme taken up by Sulabh International Social Service Organization.

The state government had signed an MoU with Sulabh for the construction of 'modern' public toilets.

Sources in the BMC said Sulabh had built the toilets on 'Design Build Operate Maintain and Transfer' basis. According to this, it maintain the toilets for 10 years and then hand them over to the BMC. The toilets vary in size, with a minimum of five rooms and a maximum of 10, a BMC officer said.

The structures have been built near [DAV School](#) in Chandrasekhapur, Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar, Tankapani, near the regional transport office, [Mancheswar](#) police station, Niladri Vihar, Jaydev Vihar, Prabhuji English Medium School, VSS Nagar, near IDCO, Satyanagar and Venkateswar English Medium School.

The officer said each toilet would have a ramp for the disabled and low-height urinals for children. All will have urinals and latrines. Mayor Ananta Narayan Jena said the toilets would bring about greater cleanliness and improve public sanitation.

"The toilets will remain clean as Sulabh will maintain them. This will check open defecation to a great extent," he added.

The state capital had ranked 24th among 73 cities surveyed on cleanliness by the Swachh Sarvekshan (cleanliness survey) last year. However, it slipped to rank 94 this year.

BMC sources said work on the remaining toilets was under way. The land required for building them is still being acquired.