

Cabinet clears ₹613 crore plan to rent 46 road-sweeping machines

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The Cabinet on Thursday approved the rental of 46 mechanical sweeping machines for seven years (84 months) to clean major and minor roads across five city municipalities under the Greater Bengaluru Authority, at a total cost of ₹613.25 crore, including GST, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H K Patil said.

Patil noted that although the machines will be taken on rent, they will be deployed across the five newly created corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority.

The Cabinet also approved the Greater Bengaluru Administration (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025,



which adds the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries of Urban Development and Finance, and Principal Secretaries as members. A modification to Clause 09, Sub-clause 05, clarifies the appointment of members from the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Karnataka Legislative Assembly, and Karnataka Legislative Council.

"The bill will be tabled in the upcoming legislative session in Belagavi, scheduled to commence on December 9," Patil said.

In Belagavi, the Cabinet also approved leasing 10 acres to the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) for 25 years at a nominal rate. The land will host a Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant to pro-

cess about 150 tonnes of wet waste daily under the Turumuri Waste Management area.

Cabinet directives on pending reports

The Cabinet directed sub-committees headed by Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara to submit overdue reports that had exceeded the six-month deadline.

This includes the Justice Michael D Cunha Commission on COVID-period procurements and the review of state universities' finances, both overseen by Shivakumar.

The Bengaluru-Mysuru infrastructure corridor progress review falls under Dr Parameshwara.