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Chairman and managing director of Biocon, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw spearheads the clean Huskur village drive; takes those who dumped garbage on the road to task. YM Reddy/iamin

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairman and managing director of Biocon Limited and chairperson of IIM-Bangalore, was at her wits' end on Sunday morning seeing the lack of civic sense among residents of Huskur village, near Electronics City. Mazumdar-Shaw, being the president of Huskur Road Development Trust, was on her way to spearhead Swaccha Huskur Drive. A resident of Huskur village herself, she was accompanied by her husband John Shaw during the drive. A Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus driver, who parked his vehicle on the road and relieved himself on the roadside in broad daylight, pushed Mazumdar-Shaw to the edge. The scene made her furious and the moment she arrived at the venue, where villagers and volunteers were waiting for her, she said, "The BMTC bus driver has no civic sense. I have constructed public toilets near the bus stand here. Can't he use the toilets instead of relieving himself on the roadside? I want all of you gathered here to clean your surroundings on your own. We have to ensure Huskur is free of garbage."

After a brief speech, she asked volunteers about the spot where garbage had to be cleared. She shouted at a flower seller throwing garbage near the temple. She made the flower seller clear the garbage. "Do you want me to clear your garbage? It is your garbage. You have to clear it. Come and clean it," she

ordered the vendor. She also advised a fisherman to not sell fish near an open drain. Later, Mazumdar-Shaw was informed that a medical shop owner had dumped garbage in a vacant space. She made the shop owner clear the spot while telling him, “You are not supposed to dump garbage here as per your whims and fancies. It is your duty to put up a plastic bin near your shop that can be used to dispose garbage.”

Appreciating Mazumdar-Shaw for spearheading the drive to ensure a clean Huskur, Col KV Naidu, president, GPR Royal Layout Residents’ Welfare Association, said that she has worked hard for the betterment of the village. “She played a key role in providing safe and clean drinking water to the villagers. She also constructed a health centre and renovated two school buildings. She is always ready to lend a helping hand for the development of Huskur village,” Col Naidu said. The programme was supposed to commence at 10 am but Mazumdar-Shaw arrived at the venue at 10.35 am. Despite arriving late, the entrepreneur did not apologise for being late, instead she immediately got busy pulling up shop-owners or vendors, apart from advising villagers on the importance of keeping their surroundings clean during the drive that concluded at 1 pm.

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