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Crusade against money, muscle launched

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Bangalore, Sept 10: Candidates aspiring to win the forthcoming Bangalore City Corporation (BCC) elections using money and muscle power will face a fight. The challenge is from NGOs.

Over 150 residents welfare associations in the City led by Public Affairs Centre (PAC) and Swabhimana, a forum of non-profit organisations have launched a crusade against the use of money and muscle power during the BCC elections.

As part of the campaign these NGOs have already initia-

ted a dialogue with major political parties to mount pressure on them to select responsible, capable and upright persons as their candidates for the forthcoming BCC elections.

As per the NGOs appeal to the political parties, the candidates aspiring to contest the elections should have following qualifications: No criminal background, should not be a relative or close friend of contractors directly executing public works or other services of BCC, should have passed matriculation and are registered electors and residents of the respective wards in which they would be contesting.

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Bangalore: Booking for private buses need not necessarily mean running behind your travel agent. Book your tickets online and no, you don't need a credit card.

Bangalore-based Netsansaar Technologies Ltd has launched www.reservationindia.com. Right now the site caters to bookings for around 20 to 30 routes like Chennai, Bijapur etc and includes packages to Kerala, says Netsansaar's Senior Marketing Manager Vishwa Ramaswamy.

"We have put up on the information of nearly 300 buses from various private companies in the City," he says. Tie-ups with around 40 private bus operators has been finalised. They want to expand to include 20 cities for bus bookings. Around 25 cyber centres all over the City from Kengeri to Whitefield have been appointed by the company from where a customer can pick up the ticket and pay for it. Such centres have been identified in Jayanagar, Rajajinagar, BTM Layout, Mathikere, Gandhibazaar etc - their names and addresses are on the site. • ENS