

Contract sanitation workers protest in Noida

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NOIDA: Around 50 contract sanitation workers under the banner of Akhil Bharatiya Safai Mazdoor association staged a protest on Tuesday outside the Noida Authority offices. They demanded a hike in salary hike besides other benefits. The administration deployed police to ensure that law and order was maintained at the protest site. In December 2016 too sanitation workers had stopped cleaning the city and collecting waste creating problems for residents and officials. They had ended protests following promises by officials.

According to Noida Authority officials, these protesters are different from the earlier contract workers who had struck work in December. "These workers are not our employees. They have been hired by a private contractor. These workers are already getting paid as per their agreement with their contractor" said Saumya Srivastava, Deputy CEO (DCEO), Noida authority. "Their protest has not affected the cleaning of the city. Waste has been collected and the cleaning has been carried out by our staff," he further explained. "If they continue to protest, we will take strict action against them. In any case they do not have any valid reason for protesting and raising slogans," he added.