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KOLKATA MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2015

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OUR AIMS:

- **To build a Clean & Green Kolkata in the future**
- **Commoner's friendly Corporation**
- **Not burden of taxes, social responsibility is the motto of our developmental agenda**
- **Prosperity, Progress, Peace and Secularism – Our guiding principles**



APPEAL TO THE VOTERS FOR KOLKATA MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2015

Dear Citizens,

At the very outset, I wish to convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes for the forthcoming Bengali New Year 1422. Kolkata Municipal Elections are scheduled for 18 April, 2015; polling will begin at 7 AM in the morning. On behalf of All India Trinamool Congress, I appeal to you all to vote in large numbers for our candidates in all 144 wards of the city. Vote early in the morning to avoid long queues at the polling stations.

Our city, our pride Kolkata is a metropolitan city with a population of 45 lakh, spread over an area of 200 square km. Thanks to the East India Company, this city on the eastern banks of Hooghly became eastern India's first port city. Although the British transferred India's capital to Delhi, due to the surge of nationalistic movement, the culture and heritage of Kolkata has not been eclipsed by any other metro. Kolkata is still known as the cultural capital of India all the world over.

One of Asia's first universities and medical colleges came up in this city. The first Asian to receive the Nobel Prize also belonged to Kolkata. Education and culture are the pillars of pride for every citizen here.

34 years of autocratic rule had ushered in a spell of darkness for Kolkata. Politics of negativity had severely affected the intellectual discourse in the city; wheels of prosperity had come to a grinding halt. 2011 witnessed the fall of arrogance. 34 years of misrule by a single party was democratically defeated by the committed workers of the Maa, Mati, Manush movement.

They have succeeded in their cause. They stood by the people at times of distress. This has sent the Opposition into despair. Their attempts at establishing one party rule in Bengal have failed miserably.

The mandate of people brought Trinamool Congress at the helm of Kolkata Municipal Corporation in 2010. Inspired by the struggle of Mamata Banerjee against the corrupt and arrogant misrule of the Left Front, and witnessing a surge of development in the city, people of Kolkata voted in large numbers for Trinamool candidates in all seats falling under Kolkata during the Assembly elections. History repeated itself in 2014 when people gave a thumping victory to Trinamool, with a record number of MPs in the Lok Sabha elections.

West Bengal government led by Mamata Banerjee has unleashed a tide of development in across the State; the fruits of development are for everyone to see. Infrastructure has received a fresh boost; agriculture, economy, business and industry are on an upward swing. This has only been possible for the leadership of Mamata Banerjee.

Kolkata Municipal Corporation has taken the gift of prosperity to the doorstep of an average citizen. Overcoming all hurdles, we have worked for the people in the last five years. People are the final judge in a democracy. These are not just our claims; the common man is witness to the change that has happened in Kolkata.

Election for the Kolkata Municipal Corporation is an important milestone for the national political arena. Mamata Banerjee has appealed to people to view this election with utmost seriousness. She has asked one and all to be a stakeholder in this journey of peace, progress and prosperity.

Apart from providing civic amenities, one of the major responsibilities of the Corporation is to keep Kolkata clean and green. We have carried out our duties with due sincerity. Mamata Banerjee has been providing leadership for us to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people of Kolkata. She has called for all-round development of West Bengal!

From Jangalmahal to the Darjeeling Hills, Mamata Banerjee has been travelling to every corner of the State ever since she took oath of office on 20 May, 2011. She has taken the Secretariat to the people. Kolkata has been freed from the shackles of dark negativity that had gripped the city during Left rule.

PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN KOLKATA IN SYNERGY WITH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES OF STATE GOVERNMENT:

Keeping pace with the tide of development ushered by the State Government, Kolkata Municipal Corporation has also been engaged in development of the city. During the last five years, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has created history through its planning and execution of work. Incompetency, nepotism and corruption, which was the mainstay in Left Front controlled municipalities, had completely ruined the municipal service and brought the development of Kolkata to a grinding halt.

In such a situation, Trinamool Congress came to power with the promise of change, with the blessings of people. Under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee, a new journey towards prosperity began.

Let us have a look towards the developmental work taken up by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation under Trinamool Congress during the last five years –

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance for all people residing in Kolkata and belonging to BPL category has been rolled out. This scheme is a first of its kind in India and a model for all to emulate. Health security for the poor is one of the primary responsibilities of KMC. Under this scheme, during the year 2013-14, 1 lakh 12 thousand 912 families (approximately 4 lakh people) received Health Insurance Cards. Under the National Family Security Scheme, 3,399 families have benefited during 2013-14. At present, the amount allocated is Rs 40,000 per family.

PENSION FOR WIDOWS

Under the Indira Gandhi National Pension Scheme, the number of beneficiaries are 13,020. 357 specially-abled people have received financial assistance while 27,317 people have received assistance under the National Old Age Pension Scheme.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Under the scheme *Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana*, 40,000 people have been trained since 2010. Twenty five per cent of the trainees belonged to the minority communities. Modern courses like computer training, driving training, television repairing, beautician courses have been introduced. Post training, tool kits have been distributed to around 8,000 people. For the first time, 'night shelters' have been set up for those without homes and clothes have been distributed during the festive season of Eid and Durga Puja. 1,000 poor people in every ward have benefited from this employment and training scheme. Nearly, 1.5 lakh people have been receiving benefits of this employment scheme.



KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LEADS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITIES:

If the performance of the 193 odd municipal corporations in India are compared with respect to the welfare of minorities, Kolkata Municipal Corporation will undoubtedly be the best among all.

Several initiatives have been taken up for the people belonging to minority communities residing in Kolkata. A lot of progress has been made in different sectors like education, health, employment and infrastructure. 23 Urdu medium schools, 26 ward health units, 55 new anganwadi centres have been set up. 86 deep tube wells have been constructed. 33 organisations belonging to minority communities have been supplied with computers, printers and scanners. The BPL list created during the previous KMC Board, headed by the Left Front, had several errors which had created a sense of dissatisfaction among the people. The current municipal board has been rectifying those errors, thus upholding the rights of the poor.

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All the Muslim and Christian burial grounds, which were lying neglected for several years, have been renovated and developed.



WATER DISTRIBUTION HAS INCREASED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS



Water distribution system in Kolkata had seen marked improvement between 2000-2005 when Trinamool Congress ran the municipal board. There was rapid decline in services thereafter when Left Front controlled KMC; people of Kolkata were the sufferers as they faced acute water shortage. The first task undertaken by the present administration of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation after returning to power was to upgrade the water distribution system. For this, the Corporation had undertaken several breakthrough projects to modernise the system.

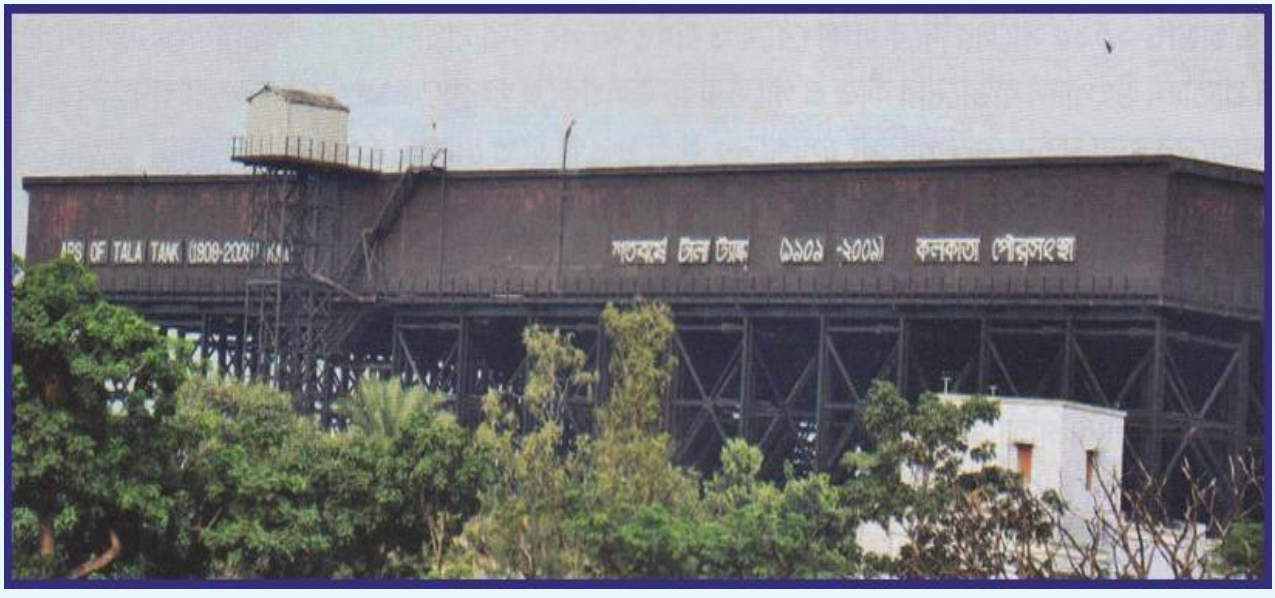
A water pipeline (with a diameter of 68 inches) was laid between Palta and Tala with the help of modern technology. The water plant in Tala is receiving more filtered water now thus benefitting the localities in north and central Kolkata. The work for two new booster pumping stations are progressing rapidly – the first one in Convent Park (Ward No. 55) and the second one in Chaulpatty Road (Ward No. 33). After the completion of this project, vast areas of central Kolkata and Beliaghata will greatly benefit.

WATER PROJECTS:

Jai Hind Water Project in Dhapa has been inaugurated a few days ago; major portion of the work under this project was completed by the current municipal corporation. Permission to lift water from river Ganga at Mayer Ghat in Baghbazar was sanctioned when Mamata Banerjee was the Union Railway Minister; she ensured that the approval was not stuck in red tape. As a benefit of this project, inhabitants of east and south-east Kolkata are getting water supply.

The areas covered by this project are

1. Booster pumping station at GJ Khan Road (Ward No. 66)
2. Booster pumping station at Anandapur (Ward No. 108)
3. Four overhead reservoirs at Ward No. 107
4. Booster pumping station at Mukundpur (ward No. 109)
5. Booster pumping station and overhead reservoirs at Patuli (Ward No. 110)
6. Lalgate overhead reservoir at Ward No. 106
7. Overhead reservoirs at Phoolbagan (Ward No. 101)
8. Booster pumping station at Telipara (Ward No. 92) is nearing completion. As such the areas in Eastern and South Jadavpur of Kolkata city is now getting clean filtered water



ADEQUATE PLANNING FOR WATER SUPPLY TO MEET THE DEMAND IN 2025

Drinking water in South Kolkata is mainly supplied from Garden Reach Water Treatment Plant. This project was constructed in 1973 when Siddhartha Shankar Roy was the Chief Minister. In the next few decades, no measures were taken for production, purification and increase in supply of drinking water. During 2000-2005, when Trinamool Congress was in-charge of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, measures were taken to increase level of water purification. That apart, vast areas of south Kolkata now receive adequate water supply because of the booster pumping stations set up at places like Kasba, Jadavpur, Kalighat, Ranikuthi, Garfa among others. Many deep tube wells were done away with. The Garden Reach Water Treatment Plant was under the control of the State Government. Repeated requests were made to transfer the control to Kolkata Municipal Corporation but this was not done due to political reasons.

After the government of Maa, Mati, Manush came to power, under the instruction of the Chief Minister, the control of the Garden Reach Water Treatment Plant was handed over to the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. The plant has been renovated by the current Corporation. As a result, at present this project is working at 100% capacity and at no point has there been any disruption in supply.

NEW BOOSTER PUMPING STATION

Measures have been taken to increase the strength of water supply by an extra 15 million gallon each day. The demand for water in Chetla and Kalighat has been met by setting up a new booster pumping station at Chetla. A part of the extra water is also being supplied to Siriti Daspara booster pumping station at Behala. As a result, a huge population in Behala is provided with drinking water. Additionally, infrastructure for the production of 50 million gallons water daily has been undertaken. The work is being done by the reputed firm Larsen & Toubro. We believe that the work will be completed in the upcoming summer season.

Works for setting up booster pumping stations is going on at Sen Palli in Ward No. 129, Prafulla Park in Ward No. 113, and Regent Estate in Ward No. 96. As promised, by summer every citizen of South Kolkata will be supplied with purified drinking water.

Keeping in mind the demand for water in 2025, the current Corporation is also working towards increasing the capacity of water supply in Palta by 20 million gallons each day. Work is also going on for setting up a new jet pumping station to lift water from the Ganga to supply an extra 150 million gallons of water each day. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation is not just focusing at the present demand of water but also what the extra demand may be in the future.

FUTURE WORK PLAN

1. Construction of new booster pumping station for Wards 95, 96, 98, 99 and 100 near Layalka Road
2. Maintenance of the 1.8 km stretch of the Ganga banks under the Indira Gandhi Water Treatment Plant, Palta
3. Renovation of the centuries-old Tala Tank, with a capacity of 9 MG
4. Work for laying a micro-tunnel (with a diameter of 72 inches) from Garden Reach Water Treatment Plant to Taratala under KEIP



MAKING KOLKATA VAT FREE THROUGH QUICK DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

In 2010 when Trinamool Congress came to power in Kolkata Municipal Corporation, the biggest challenge that the new administration faced was to how to make the city garbage free.

The sight of open vats overflowing with garbage, animal infested garbage dumps and open lorries carrying garbage were common. Under the leadership of Ms Mamata Banerjee, the first task that KMC undertook was to make Kolkata garbage-vat free. Now the city has 49 new state-of-the-art compactor stations. These state-of-the-art compactor stations are being appreciated countrywide and Kolkata is now seen as a pioneer.



Over and above these compactor stations, the city also has 33 new 'mobile compactors' which travel from one area to another clearing waste due to which Kolkata has become almost garbage-vat free. If the new Union Government had not done away with the JNNURM scheme for mere political reasons, then Kolkata would have had 55 more such new compactor stations.

Prior to 2010, garbage clearance was done only once in the morning. The present Government has deployed over 8000 workers under *Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana* to clean the city again in the afternoon. In Kolkata's industrial hubs the task is once again undertaken in the evening. The city which was once compared to a garbage dump is now one of India's cleanest cities.

The busiest streets of the city are washed every morning and the street curbs are cleaned with the help of mechanical sweepers. The old hand pulled two wheelers

which were used to carry garbage are now being replaced with eco-friendly, battery operated three wheelers. In the near future this system will cover all of Kolkata.

Covered compactor lorries are being used to transport the garbage to Dhapa. As Dhapa has now been declared as an international wetland, no developmental work or construction will take place in that area. The state government has allotted 20 acres of land to the KMC, to be used as a dumping ground for the city's garbage. The waste materials will now also be used to generate electricity through 'Waste Energy Project', PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd. as its consultants and global tenders have been sought.

With the use of modern technology in its various departments, KMC is now doing its work more efficiently and with greater speed.

The forthcoming projects are:

1. A bio-remediation project of CBIPM with grants from World Bank

2. In 137 wards, centres to separate the recyclable items like plastic, paper, etc. from biodegradable wastes are being set up. It is already operational in seven wards

3. Minimisation of the number of open vats and direct collection of waste are being stressed upon



MODERNISATION OF SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

On the initiative of the Department of Sewerage & Drainage, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, 26 km of underground brick sewer lines are now being replaced with PRP lines. After extracting silt from the drainage system, the capacity of the sewer system has increased by 30 to 45%. As a result, rain water is draining faster from parts of Borough I and IX and entire Borough VIII.

With the initiatives of the Department of Sewerage & Drainage, the 9.1 km long temporary sewer line has now been replaced with underground drainage system in the wards 105 to 107, wards 112 to 115 and wards 118, 123, 126 and 130.



251 km of underground RCC drainage lines and 228 km of UPVC drainage lines have been laid in Borough XI and its surrounding areas under KEIP. Due to this, people living in areas of Jadavpur, Phoolbagan, Bagha Jatin colony, Bibeknagar, Ajanta Road and areas under Behala's Raja Rammohan Roy Road, PB Roy Road, Satyen Roy Road, SN Roy Road, Bhasa Para, Chanditala, Parnosree Road, Sanat Chatterjee Road, Maharani Indira Devi Road, Kalimata Colony, Mahendra Banerjee Road, Brahmo Samaj Road, Netaji Subhas Road, Fakir Road, Ramkrishna Sarani, Trenching ground, Gowalpara Road, Rabindra Palli, Sukanta Sarani, Maya Road, Biren Roy Road, Garden Reach Area, Paharpur Main Line, SA Farooqui Road, Gandhi Maidan, Garden Reach Road, Fatehpur 1st and 2nd lane, Ramdasti Road and other places have been greatly benefitted.

38 km underground RCC drainage pipeline and 26 km UPVC drainage pipeline have been laid in and around the wards 1-6 under Borough I. People living in Hari Krishna Seth Lane, Kalicharan Ghosh Road, Umakanta Sen Lane, Nilmoni De Lane, Gangulipara Lane, Rani Branch Road are benefitting from this project.



MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN DREDGING OF CANALS

The drainage system of Kolkata is depended on the canal network surrounding the city. After independence, most of these canals were not dredged in totality. With the help of the state government, KMC has undertaken dredging and desiltation of this canal network. As a result, the people of Kolkata have got relief from waterlogging during the monsoon.

The canals which have been dredged and desilted are:

1. Dredging and de-siltation of TP canal, inter-stepping channel, lead channel, AA1, BB1, CC1, EE1, A5, A6 up to 16 km and lining done up to 665 m

2. Desiltation worth 1.5 km has been done from Monikhali in Monikhali canal, Parnashree, Bagore channel, CPT canal areas, and lining for 390 m have been done

3. For Keorapukur canal, Keorapukur channel, Keorapukur branch canal, desiltation of 1.1 km has been completed for, lining for 797 metres and 951 metres of U-through has been done

4. Churiwal canal, the increased areas of Churiwal canal and Suti canal's 26.8 km silt has been cleared and lining of 211 metres have been done

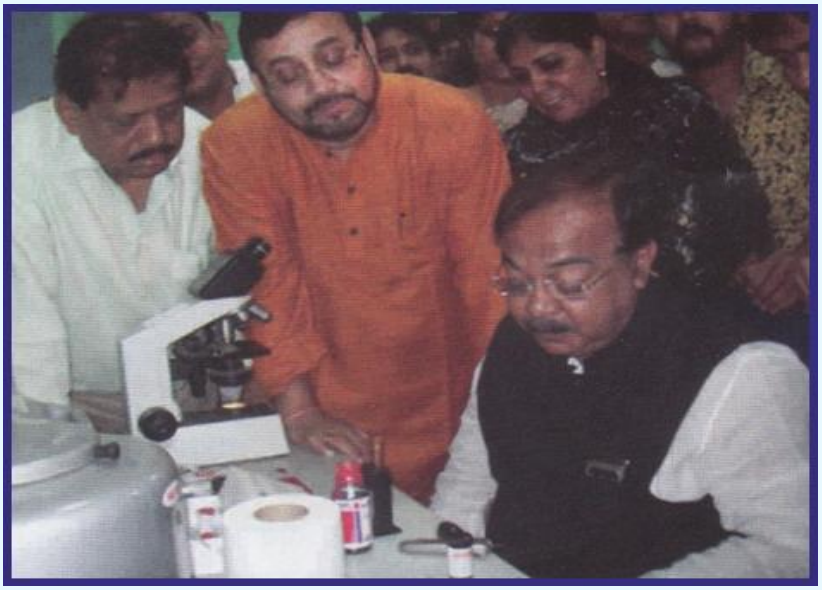
The Pumping Stations used for clearing monsoon water have also been upgraded and modernised sparing the citizens of Kolkata from facing waterlogging problems.

- Four new booster pumping stations have been installed in borough 1 are RK Ghosh drainage pumping station, Birpara drainage pumping station, Dutta Bagan drainage pumping station and Kashipur drainage pumping station.
- Under Borough VIII the new pumping stations are Topsia drainage pumping station, Ambedkar Bridge pumping station over EE-1 canal, Pataldanga drainage pumping station, Kulia-Tangra drainage pumping station and the old pumping station at Chingrighata has been renovated and refurbished to cater to an increased volume.

- Under borough 11 six new pumping stations has been renovated and refurbished to increase their capacity.
- In borough 12 the old drainage pumping stations have been replaced with new ones are PS1 drainage pumping station near Bagha Jatin Rail Station, PS 3 drainage pumping station near Kasba Rajdanga, Nonadanga PS 4 drainage pumping station and Neelachal Housing Complex drainage pumping station.
- New pumping station has been installed in borough 13 canal road area and the three old pumping stations of that area have been refurbished to an increased capacity.
- In borough 14 area new pumping stations have been installed namely CPT canal drainage pumping station, Behala Flying Club drainage pumping station and the two older pumping stations of that area have been refurbished to an increased capacity.



PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES HAVE CHANGED DRASTICALLY



In order to boost the primary health services, Kolkata Municipal Corporation led by Trinamool Congress, has brought drastic change in its health department. Lack of initiative by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation under the Left Front is now a thing of the past. The present municipal corporation has been successful in controlling mosquito-borne diseases.

Before the current board took charge in 2010, diseases like malaria was widespread in the city during monsoon, and even in other seasons. The then board, under Left Front, only undertook basic responsibilities. Seasonal measures taken to prevent malaria had been discontinued by the previously run corporation. From this year onwards, preventive measures for mosquito-borne diseases have been taken up from the very beginning.

A mosquito research laboratory, set up by the present Kolkata Municipal Corporation, has been recognised by the Central Government as the nodal mosquito research laboratory in eastern India. 21 rapid action teams have been created to wipe out the breeding ground of mosquitoes in different parts of the city. This is a unique step taken in the country. To supervise the work, one person from each ward and each Borough has been appointed.

For the first time in the country, ward specific data banks are being created to point out the breeding sites of mosquitoes, which is unheard of. The process to

explore the canals on hand-rode boats to destroy mosquitoes by spraying oil is also a first in the country.

Unique ways are adopted to raise mass consciousness about these diseases. To prevent dengue, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has been coordinating with the government and private hospitals, polyclinics and diagnostic centres. The coordinated efforts have brought huge success and the number of people affected by dengue in Kolkata has hugely decreased.

In the past, anti-rabies vaccination was available only at Sambhunath Pandit Hospital and Pasteur Laboratory. At present, the facility is available free of cost at 16 health centres under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, from which lakhs of people have benefited.



DOING AWAY WITH TOUT-MENACE FOR ISSUING BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES

Earlier, to get birth and death certificates, one had to go to the KMC head office and there, invariably fall at the hands of unscrupulous agents. The Trinamool Congress-led municipal corporation has set up modern methods of issuing birth and death certificates at hospitals, burning ghats and burial grounds.



Nowadays, in the case of many families, the children live apart in other places in India or abroad. When family members die, they call up and request for the bodies to be kept in cold storage, to enable them a last glimpse. But there was a dearth of capacity, vis-à-vis the rapidly increasing population of the city. Kolkata Municipal Corporation has set up the city's first modern mortuary in Topsia, named Peace World.

All the seven burial grounds under KMC have undergone necessary renovation. All the burning ghats have also been renovated. Each of them have been equipped with electrical furnaces. Wooden pyres equipped with pollution-control devices have been installed at Keoratala Crematorium. At the Nimtala Burning Ghat, a building with eight electric furnaces and two wooden pyres with pollution-control devices have been constructed. As a result, the number of electrical furnaces at Nimtala has increased to 12. This is the highest for any burning ghat in the country. An air-conditioned resting room for mourners has also been set up the building. The spot where Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore was cremated has also been renovated. Nimtala Burning Ghat can easily be termed as a 'Model Crematorium'. The memorial for Sri Ramakrishna at Cossipore Burning Ghat has

also been beautified by the present municipal board. Pollution-free wooden pyres have been set up at Cossipore Burning Ghat too.

The present municipal corporation has set up new health units in 46 wards, besides renovating the ones in the 16 others.

Renovation work at Kidderpore and Garden Reach maternity homes is another success story of the current municipal board; Doctors from SSKM Hospital perform cesarean sections at Kidderpore Maternity Home. A Special Care Unit for newborns has been set up at Kidderpore Maternity Home. Patients at all KMC-managed maternity homes are being given food free of cost. The present Trinamool-run municipal board has done much more for the maternity homes than what has been ever before.

The current KMC has set up a sterilisation centre-cum-hospital for sick and moribund street dogs at Dhapa.

The transformation of the long-neglected abattoir in Tangra into a state-of-the-art centre is a historic step. The construction of this international-standard abattoir would not only result in a steady supply of fresh, disease-free meat but would also help put an end to illegal slaughters.



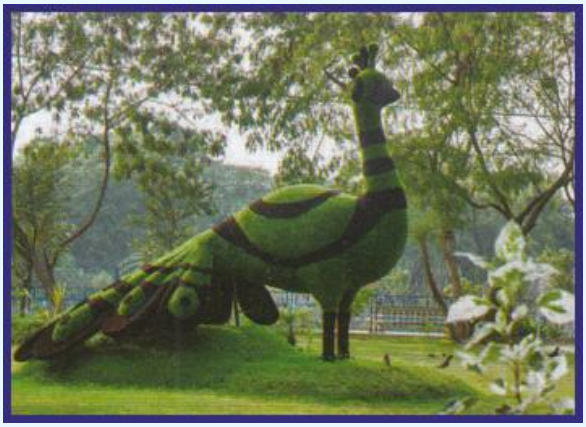
THE GARDENS AND PARKS IN KOLKATA HAVE GOT A NEW LOOK



This is the first time that any Chief Minister has thought about a green Kolkata, a beautiful Kolkata. As a result of the special interest shown by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, beautification of parks and gardens got equal importance as any other work, like drainage, garbage clearance, roads and street lighting.

The construction and maintenance of squares, roadside gardens and median strips, and the riverfront beautification of Ganga – these comprise the biggest contribution of KMC to the city. The guidance and cooperation of the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has made this transformation of the city possible.

In 2010, Mamata Banerjee conceived the idea of Ganga Riverfront beautification. As a result, a stretch of 5 km along the banks of river Ganga has been beautified, and barges, cranes and payloaders are now used during immersions of idols. For trimming trees, each Borough has been allotted a hydraulic ladder.



CCTVs have been installed at Elliot Park on a pilot basis for the security of the park visitors as well as for the proper maintenance of the park. Three thousand CCTVs are going to be set up in the 144 wards across Kolkata.

Another major initiative has been the use of solar energy to light up street lamps in Deshapriya Park. This is a first for Kolkata. This would reduce the usage of

electricity and would also lead to a reduction of carbon emission to the atmosphere.

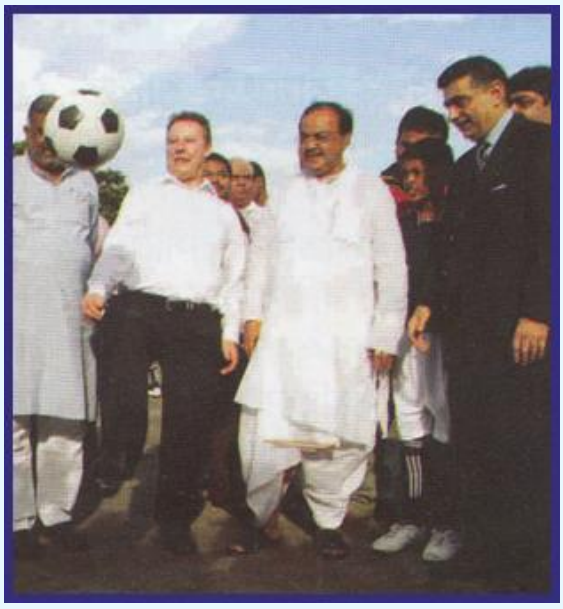
Thanks to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's keen interest in developing sports infrastructure, parks and squares in the city have also received a boost. The Goalz Project, a joint venture between the British Council, Kolkata Police and Kolkata Municipal Corporation, is running football training centres in Kolkata. A swimming pool of international standards and a sports training centre has been constructed at Deshbandhu Park.

The work of the Department of Parks and Squares, Kolkata Municipal Corporation has made the citizens proud of their city. The political will of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is the primary reason behind this green transformation of Kolkata.



SPORTS DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED AS PER A SPECIFIC PLAN

In the last five years, Kolkata Municipal Corporation run by Trinamool Congress has worked as per a specific and focussed plan to boost sports infrastructure.



In February 2010, Mayor's Cup Water Polo Championship was organised in south, central and north Kolkata. In the same year, the Bengal Chess Competition was organised by KMC in collaboration Dibyendu Barua Chess Academy at Town Hall.

In 2011, KMC provided grants to the Sub-Junior Handball Competition which is organised by West Bengal Kolkata Handball Association. Like last year, 'Mayor's Cup' for All India FIDE Rating Chess Tournament organized jointly with Dibyendu Barua Chess Academy at Town Hall. KMC organised Mayor's Cup' Water-Sports and Swimming Competition at several clubs of central and south Kolkata, College-Square and Beliaghata Subhas Sarovar Central Swimming Club in collaboration with Kolkata Swimming Association.

In the year 2012, on Mayor's invitation, a school-level football tournament was organised to commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Players of national and international acclaim participated in the tournament. An exhibition match between Mayor's XI and Sports Minister's XI was organised which was the main attraction of the tournament.

On Mayor's invitation a hockey tournament was also organised for under-16 school boys by BHA at Mohun Bagan grounds.

Football, volleyball, tennis, badminton racquet, cricket kit were distributed from the fund granted by West Bengal Government.

Mayor's Cup for water sports and swimming competition was held at Central Swimming Club, Azad Hind Bagh (Hedua) and Beliaghata Subhas Sarobar in association with Kolkata district Swimming Association.

In 2014, in association with CAB, under-15 inter-school boys' cricket tournament was organised. This year, the West Bengal Government also distributed carom boards. In 2015, under 15 interschool boys' cricket tournament was organised in association with CAB.

This year, West Bengal Government from its fund has distributed sports articles for football, volleyball, cricket and badminton.

'Kolkata Goalz' - a collaboration of KMC, British Council and Kolkata Police - organised football tournament and training for street children of the city to bring them back to normal life. KMC gave them infrastructural support.



PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT: HISTORIC SUCCESS IN TAX COLLECTION IN LAST FIVE YEARS

- During the Left Front rule the main source of revenue for the Corporation was sale of land. The present municipal board has not increased the taxes; moreover taxes for poor slum dwellers have been decreased. Legal action has been taken against those who have been defaulting on payment of taxes. The measures have helped to increase the revenue significantly. **Between fiscal year 2005-2006 and 2009-2010, the property tax earned was Rs 1605.67 crore. In the tenure of the present Kolkata Municipal Board the property tax collected has been Rs 3291.74 crore, out of which Rs 340 crore was earned due to the waiver scheme.**

- For residents of Kolkata, whose main source of income is tenancy, a large part of the income was taken away due to municipal corporation taxes. The present municipal board has enforced a new law to provide them some relief.

- In the last five years Kolkata Municipal Corporation has taken a number of effective steps to give tax reliefs to slum dwellers, middle class and lower middle class citizens.

- Kolkata Municipal Corporation, along with the Government of West Bengal, has for the first time taken steps to provide certificates to *thika* tenants. If the certificate is in the name of the *thika* tenants, it will facilitate the mutation process and will provide necessary conditions for reconstruction, renovation and remodeling.

- For the economically-backward sections, and other residents who have failed to comply with taxes due to financial reasons and are burdened with interests and penalties, a relief up to 50% of the interest has been provided based on application. The power of granting relief lies with the Mayor-In-Council.

- Various administrative steps have been taken to make tax payments easier. A citizen can now get various tax-related information sitting in the comfort of their home through KMC website. In the last five years, various camps have been organised for faster mutations. Apart from this, in various unit offices, 'one visit mutation counters' have also been opened.
- For the purpose of beautification of the city, residents who have painted their homes in blue and white colour schemes, a one-time tax (PD Bill) relief has been granted.



INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUN BY KMC & UPGRADATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

MID-DAY-MEAL:

Apart from imparting education, schools schools run by Kolkata Municipal Corporation also serve nutritious mid-day meals to students; this was unheard of in the past. Two clusters of kitchens have been constructed for providing this facility.



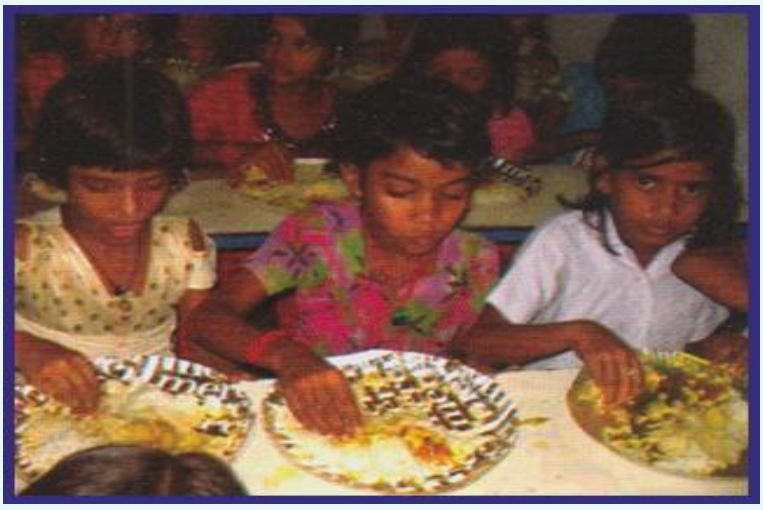
1. Community kitchen at Lalar Math in Borough IV
2. Community kitchen at 78, Baghbazar Street under Borough I

Serving nutritious mid-day meals in primary schools of the 114 wards and 61 Sishu Siksha Kendras under the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has become easier after the construction of these community kitchens.

Under the current municipal board, three new schools have been started at

1. Adarsh Nagar in Ward No. 108
2. 1, MN Sen Lane in Ward No. 17
3. Alipore Road under Ward No. 74

- The students of the corporation schools have been provided with uniforms, shoes and socks during the last five years
- Computer-based education has been introduced in 100 schools and students of English medium schools under Kolkata Municipal Corporation have been provided with books
- Six primary schools run by Kolkata Municipal Corporation have been upgraded to high schools. 11 Montessori and 10 English-medium schools have been opened.
- Measures have been taken for training 344 teachers in ODL mode for the two-year D.El.d Ed courses. Assistance from SSA has been taken for training teachers. For the English-medium schools, teachers have been trained with the help of British Council.

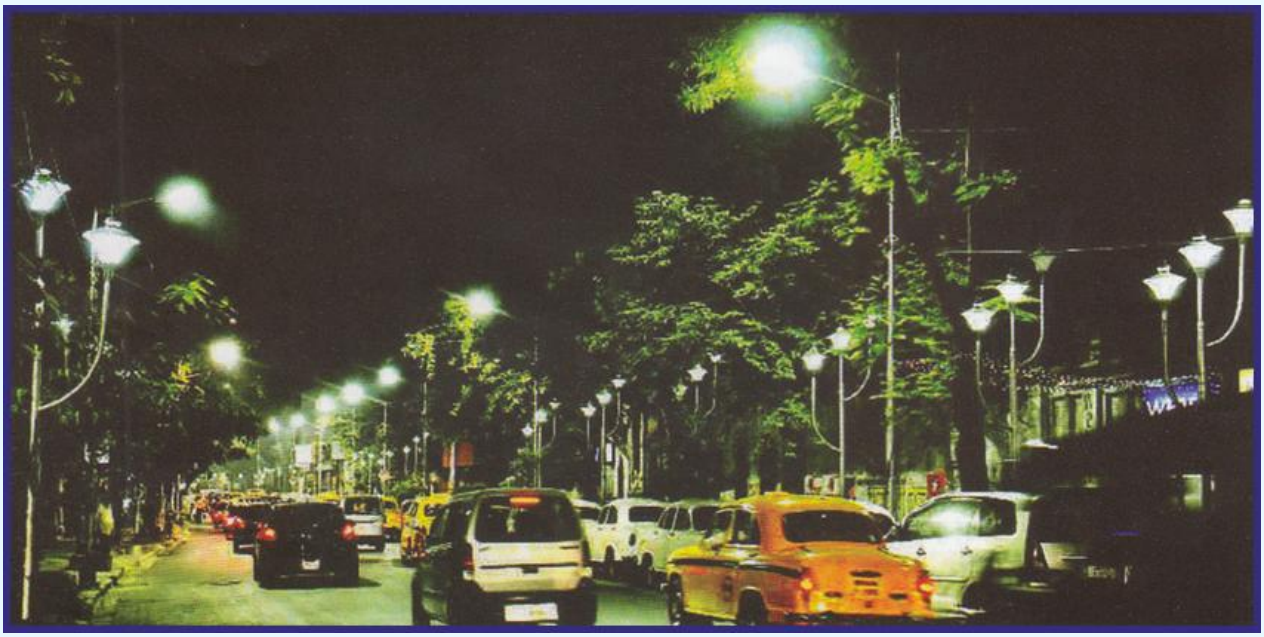


KANYASHREE:

In order to inspire girls to go to school, to stop female foeticide and to discourage early marriage of girls, the *Kanyashree* Project had been initiated by West Bengal Government. This dream project of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is being implemented in Kolkata like the rest of Bengal. This project is not only a path-breaking initiative in India but also has been internationally acclaimed.

ROADS OF KOLKATA ARE NOW BRIGHTLY LIT

At present all streets of Kolkata, from Wards 1 to 141, are adequately lit. Seventy per cent of the work for lighting up streets in the newly added wards 142, 143 and 144 (in the Joka area) has already been completed. Trident lamps have been installed to beautify parks, playgrounds and canals.



Forty High-Mast Lamps have been installed at important crossings of the city. Many passenger waiting rooms have been lit up by solar power.

A solar illumination project has been initiated to light up Deshapriya Park. This will cut down consumption of electricity as well as carbon emission.



THERE ARE 4500 KM OF ROADS IN KOLKATA; THESE ROADS ARE A MATTER OF PRIDE FOR THE CITIZENS



Citizens of a beautiful, civilized city always seek smooth roads. In 2010, we made a commitment to provide the citizens of Kolkata with smoother roads. We are happy to have fulfilled our promises.

The citizens of Kolkata are habituated with potholes, uneven roads and open craters on roads remained unrepaired for days. There are around 4500 kilometres of roads combining the small and big ones.

During the last five years, almost all the roads in the city have been covered with mastic asphalt and black tar. This has resulted in increasing the speed of the vehicles and has reduced accidents. There is very little scope to construct new roads in the city. In spite of that, two pilot projects have been taken up - construction of Ultadanga underpass and Kolkata Road project. This has been done despite many difficulties. Three of the centrally located and the busiest roads in Kolkata - the Park Circus Connector in east Kolkata, Rubi Connector and Anwar Shah Connector - were in a disastrous state.

These roads have been handed over to Kolkata Municipal Corporation by the KMDA. The work of repairing these roads with mastic asphalt has begun. For the convenience of the citizens, roads have been made wider by narrowing the footpaths at places like Camac Street, Suhrawardy Lane, Park Circus. Roads at Joka and adjoining areas are now at par with roads of the rest of the city, thanks to the special initiatives of the Roads and Asphaltum Department of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

For the first time in north Kolkata, ritzen milling machines have been used to renovate roads, thus providing better movement. Now, the roads of Kolkata are at par with the beautification drive of the city. They are a matter of pride to the citizens. Gone are the days of earthen roads or uneven roads. Beautiful and smooth roads have resulted in smooth movements.

Decorating dividers on major roads by planting shrubs has been an initiative to make the city green and beautiful.



NO INCREASE IN SANCTION FEES FOR BUILDING PLANS; KMC PROVIDING FAST DECISIONS ON SUBMITTED BUILDING PLANS

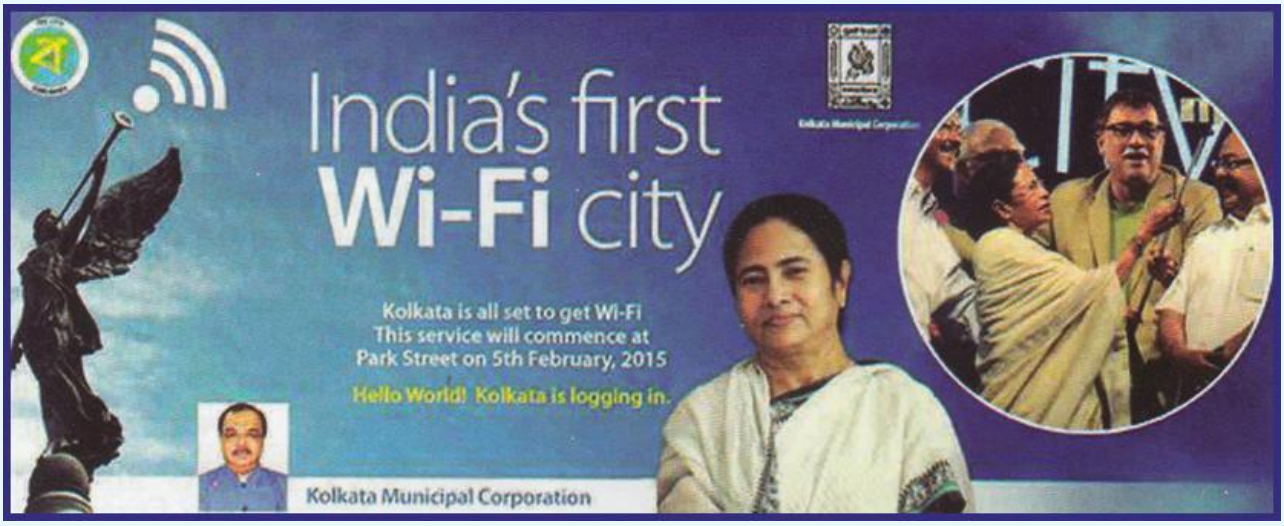
Sanction fee for building plans has not been increased for the benefit of citizens.

At present, the status of the building plans submitted for approval can be reviewed in the web portal of Kolkata Municipal Corporation. In the same portal, one can avail the service of sanction fee calculator, where the probable fees to be submitted for sanctioning building plans can be self calculated.

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has introduced some special provisions for extended construction in buildings. Relief of 25% and 15% has been provided in Building Tax for constructing third and fourth floors respectively in small buildings. This facility can be availed by paying a fee of only Rs 100.

The method of Completion Plan Sanction is now computerised and can be viewed on Kolkata Municipal Corporation portal. Approval is also being given for reconstruction and renovation of the additional areas of old and dilapidated houses still occupied with tenants. The process has benefited both the tenant as well as the owner of the house.

KOLKATA IS NOW A WiFi CITY



The CPI(M), in the past has protested against introduction of latest technology, holding movements against computerisation. As a result, Kolkata, as well as the State, lagged behind in the field of Information Technology. The present Kolkata Municipal Corporation and the State of West Bengal have now taken major initiatives in this field, thus making Kolkata the first Wi-Fi City in India.

BEAUTIFIED BANKS OF RIVER GANGA WILL LIFT YOUR MOOD

In the last five years, 15 banks of river Ganga has been beautified and developed. Approximately, Rs 60 crore has been spent for this purpose.

It includes

1. Ahiritola Ghat
2. Prassana Kumar Tagore Ghat
3. Adya Shraddha Ghat
4. Ramchandra Goenka Ghat
5. Chotelal Ki Ghat
6. Motilal Sil Ghat
7. Ganapat Ray Ghat
8. Mullick Ghat
9. Haragonbindo Shraddha Ghat
10. Doi Ghat
11. Babughat
12. Panighat I and II
13. Bajekadamtala Ghat
14. Judges Ghat
15. Princep Ghat I and II





Apart from this, 2.1 km of roads from Princep Ghat to Babughat have been beautified and developed for the citizens. The length of KMDA Millennium Park has been extended by 500 m from Fairly Place Jetty to Armenian ghat.

DEVELOPMENT IN SLUM AREAS AND CONSTRUCTION OF 16 COMMUNITY HALLS BY KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Kolkata Municipal Board has done significant improvement in the slum areas of the city. To keep the city clean and pollution free, general pay and use toilets and 160 pay and use toilets have been constructed in minority populated areas. This has benefited the common people of the city.

For various social occasions, 16 community halls have been constructed for the slum dwellers.



Under the WBUES, the youth of the city have been employed at 100 Days' Work Scheme, for the creation of assets and preservation of the current assets. This has also helped in decreasing the problem of unemployment.

Other significant works of development in the last five years:



1. Development of 3,22,784 m of sanitation and drainage system

2. Development of 17,19,809 m of roadways

3. Installation of 11,410 light posts

4. Laying of 4,08,165 m of electronic cable

Apart from this, in public events, pujas and events organised by the Central Government and State Government, where there is huge footfall, KMC has constructed mobile toilets in such places.

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HAS MADE A MARK IN WETLAND CONSERVATION AND RENOVATION

Kolkata Municipal Corporation has given stress on increasing citizen awareness through various programmes

1. In various schools of the city, quiz programmes, debates and plays have been organised

2. Decorated tabloids have been used to create awareness

3. Leaflets have been distributed with an appeal of conservation of nature

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Street meetings will be organised in main markets to create awareness against usage of plastic bags

2. Booklets and posters published to create awareness for conservation of wetlands

3. In Kolkata, there are about 3500 big and small water bodies. To maintain ecological balance, these water bodies will be preserved and beautified and will be used for pisciculture. This will not only maintain ecological balance and make the city more beautiful, but will also provide employment opportunities to the unemployed youth.

BEAUTIFICATION OF KOLKATA

PMU Department has beautified and conserved various water bodies in Kolkata. Fair price shops have been opened by Kolkata Municipal Corporation in several markets of the city.



CONSERVATION AND REJUVENATION OF KOLKATA'S HERITAGE

- Kolkata Municipal Corporation has acquired the residence of Sister Nivedita which has been handed over to Ramakrishna Mission for proper care and maintenance
- The house adjacent to Swami Vivekanada's house has been acquired for the same reason



CONSERVATION OF THEATRES

- Rejuvenation and modernisation of Mohit Mancha, Star Theatre and Sarat Sadan have been completed
- Kolkata Municipal Corporation has acquired Uttam Mancha which has also been modernised



PROMISES OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

1. According to necessity there will be more development and construction work which will be done for sanitation and drainage systems from Borough XI - XV

2. The construction of remaining parts of the new roadway system will be started in Borough XI - XV

3. All country roads of the new Wards 142, 143 and 144 will be concretised

4. More development and beautification will be done in all main roads of the city

5. More development and repair work will be taken up in all footpaths in the city

6. Sanitary and drainage systems to be set up where they are not present as of yet

7. Measures taken to build new roads and footpaths



8. Rest of the ghats of Hooghly river bank is planned to be renovated

9. Foot bridges for the pedestrians will be constructed on main road junctions of the city

10. Expansion of Kashi Mitra crematorium, Cossipore Burning Ghat and Birjunala crematorium is planned to be expanded

11. Construction of the 300 feet long 'Single Span Steel Bridge' at Babughat for walking has been taken up. With the help of this bridge the people can walk across from Prinsep Ghat to Armenian Ghat.

12. Expansion of Hooghly bank will be done



13. Expansion of Matri Sadan at Kidderpore will be initiated

14. An annexe office building will be constructed at Chaplin Square

15. More ward health centers will be constructed under National Health Mission

16. 400 slaughter houses with one modern slaughter house for goats only is to be constructed at Rabindra Sarani

17. Community halls will be constructed in wards which presently have none

18. Railing on the edges of main roads are to be beautified

19. Leveling of roads are to be undertaken in north Kolkata where road levels are higher than that of the houses

20. Diversification of Boroughs will be done for giving better and faster services

21. Hindu and Muslim crematoriums are to be further developed

22. More 'night shelters' will be constructed for street dwellers

23. Primary municipal corporation schools will be set up with more facilities and provided with further opportunities

24. More parks will be constructed for roadside beautification and a greener city

25. More road dividers and plantations will be done for increasing the speed of vehicles on main roads

26. More beautification will be done at all main road junctions and islands in the city

PLANS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT



1) At present there are five dengue diagnostics centres in five Boroughs. In addition, ten centres will be constructed in rest of the Boroughs under National Health Mission scheme.

2) Health Centres in three wards have been brought under National Urban Health Mission. 87 more wards (a total of 90 wards) will be broughts under the scheme.

3) At the crematoriums of Cossipore, Nimtala and Keoratala, the wooden pyres have been fitted with modern pollution control devices. The electrical furnaces in these crematoriums have also been fitted with pollution control devices.

4) Each Borough and later each ward will have integrated laboratories fitted with the Public Health Centres for conducting examination of urine, stool, serum, cholesterol, blood urea, serum creatinine, serum bilirubin, serum uric acid SGPT etc.

5) Mobile clinics will be set up to serve the poor and very sick patients at their doorsteps.

6) Modern waiting room will be constructed in Nimtala Ghat and other crematoriums for the family of the deceased.

7) Under National Urban Health Mission, a Community Health Centre with a capacity of 100 beds will be set up.

8) Modernisation of Mosquito Research Centre will be expedited so that mosquito breeding and identification of mosquitoes can be done at a greater speed.

9) In all wards to destroy mosquito larvae, provisions for Gappi fish cultivation have been made.

10) At present in various canals we are using 20 row-boats to destroy the Culex mosquito larvae. 8 row-boats will be used for this purpose.



UPCOMING PROGRAMMES FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

- Several more new state-of-the-art compactor stations will be installed
- To clear garbage, battery-operated hydraulic machines were first used in ward number 85 and now will be used in other wards also
- Replacement of old garbage extraction machines with new machines will be expedited
- Recycling of waste will be carried out



THE ROAD AHEAD

1. Installing CCTV cameras, in successive stages, at important locations along the roads and in the markets in the city. Keeping in mind the safety of the ordinary citizens, this project has been given primacy of purpose by Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

2. Setting up call centres at various points across the city, where taxpayers may register their grievances, and also where they would get to know about the latest initiatives of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

3. Modern compactor system would completely replace the age-old vat system for collection of garbage. This is a very crucial step in making Kolkata a garbage-free city.

4. Continuing afforestation programmes with greater thrust to create more and more pollution-free areas across the city.

5. Employing mobile apps to make municipal services more user-friendly.

6. Using solar power to light up the 300 parks in Kolkata.

7. Constructing foot overbridges with escalators at the busier points in the city, like Deshapriya Park, Ballygunge Phari, Ballygunge Siksha Sadan and South City.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE CITY'S SLUM-DWELLERS:

Bringing slum-dwellers under the ambit of various social security schemes and giving them entrepreneurial training would make them financially independent. Besides, organising continuous awareness camps for slum-dwellers would lead to their overall socio-economic development.

The way Hatgachia-1 slum in Ward 58 has been made a 'Model Slum', wherever similar geographical affinity would exist, such slums would be developed as Model Slums.

The fire hazard surveys in slums undertaken by officers of Kolkata Municipal Corporation and the relaying of electrical wires hanging dangerously over various slums would be continued with renewed vigour.

The underground drainage systems in slums would be developed.

Like being done now, the Slums Department of Kolkata Municipal Corporation would continue to build pay-and-use toilets and community centres for members of minority communities, as per residents' demands and recommendations of the people's representatives.

From Sinthee in the north to Joka in the south, from the EM Bypass in the east to the Ganga in the west, in all the 144 wards of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, 3,000 CCTV cameras are being installed to enable someone, sitting in the KMC headquarters, to know wherever any garbage or water has collected, so that that can be removed with immediate effect.

Sitting in their Lalbazar headquarters, officers of Kolkata Police would get to know where there has been a traffic snarl, or where there has occurred some law-and-order problem.

NO MORE PLANS AND EMPTY PROMISES

No more plans and empty promises – we are committed to providing civic amenities which are in sync with the ethos of the 21st century.

Give us the strength in the upcoming municipal election. Shower your blessings on the Trinamool Congress candidates in every ward of the city. Let Kolkata become world's best city, under the leadership of Mamata Bandyopadhyay. Not just the glorious history - we want to work in a planned way by striking a balance between nature and technology.

Our focus areas will be improvement of urban life, education for all, health, supply of purified drinking water. Our commitment is to make Kolkata "Clean and Green City" through the beautification of Kolkata by protecting green cover. We want perfect harmony between east and west, modernism and tradition. We are committed towards protecting Kolkata's cultural heritage from withering away.

The upcoming Kolkata Municipal Election is on 18th April, Saturday. Vote in large numbers for our candidates in all 144 wards of the city. Vote early in the morning to avoid long queues at the polling stations. Defeat the Congress, the CPI(M) and the communal BJP. Join us in fulfilling Mamata Banerjee's vision of developing Kolkata as a better city.

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Respectfully

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