

ECO – CITY PROGRAMME

The Ecocity Programme has been conceptualized for improving environment and achieving sustainable development through a comprehensive urban improvement system employing practical, innovative and non-conventional solutions. The EcoCity Programme was initiated under the 10th plan to bring in visible environmental improvement in the small and medium towns. Under the project, funds will be provided to the Municipalities by CPCB for the identified project, on 50:50 cost-sharing basis up to a maximum of Rs. 2.5 Crore per town, wherein 50% of the total budget should come from Municipalities either from their own funds or through financial institutions or any other means. The following towns have been taken under first phase of Eco-City programme to bring in visible environmental improvement:

Vrindavan (Uttar Pradesh)
Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh)
Puri (Orissa)
Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh)
Kottayam (Kerala)
Thanjavour (Tamil Nadu)

Under Eco-City Vrindavan following activities have been taken up in these towns:

Vrindavan:

- Comprehensive improvement along the roads connecting all major pilgrim/tourist spots in Zone-I, II and III including road surfacing, signage, parking, street lighting, public toilets, drinking water facilities etc” (from Nagar Palika Parishad to Rangnathji Temple to Inner College, Road stretch from Rangnathji Temple to Bankhandi up to Banke Bihari Temple
- Restoration/Development of Gandhi Park” (Adaptive Reuse of Laxman Sahid Bhawan, Landscape development of Gandhi Park, Public toilets near Gandhi Park)

The Indian Heritage Foundation a non-profitable trust of ISKON has come forward to take up the work for “Improvement of 2km stretch from Kaliadaha Ghat to Kesi Ghat of Parikrama Path”. The expert committee of CPCB has approved the detailed project report for this activity.

Tirupati

- Laying of pipeline for connecting Konneru with Narsimha Tirtha' – Work is in advance stage of completion.

DPR Expert committee has recommended to the Competent Authority of CPCB for granting Administrative approval for implementation of the following sub-activities:

Public toilets at appropriate locations, Public drinking water facilities, flower beds, ornamental landscaping in appropriate locations, Pedestrianization of Koneru surroundings and its beautification including drainage, landscaping etc.

Covering/improvement of storm water drains adjoining the roads numbering 02,03,04,06 & 07 and 05 & 09D

Multistoried Parking Facility

Puri:

- Repair/Covering/Improvement of existing drains around Lord Jagannath Temple
- Improvement of drinking water point at Lion's Gate near Lord Jagannath Temple
- Improvement of public toilet near Narendra tank

The feasibility studies for the following projects are under preparation

Rejuvenation of Traditional Water Bodies- Markendeya Tank in Puri

Shifting of Auto Garages from existing location along Grand Road and vicinity of Jagannath temple - Development of Eco Automobile Park in Puri

Ujjain :

Under the Eco-City Ujjain, Municipal Corporation has not given its approval for the decisions taken in the meeting held on 19/09/05 to discuss the request by MPPCB to withhold the sanctions of the project to UMC on the account of unsatisfactory work on the sanctioned project 'Excavation/desiltation of Rudra Sagar'.

Kottayam

- Renovation of Mundar River
- Renovation of Kacherrikadavu Boat Jetty and Canal

Cleaning and desilting work has been completed for both the projects. Work on Embankment Protection is in progress. Rs. 38.58 lakhs were released to Kottayam Municipality for above activities.

Thanjavour:

Under the Eco-City Thanjavour sanctions have been issued to Thanjavour Municipality for taking up the work of renovation of four numbers of old tanks.