SRIKHETRA RA MAHAKA- THE TRACK OF COMMITED PEOPLE.

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E-News Letter of Puri Municipality
Total population of this town is 200564 according to 2011 census comprising an area of 16.84 Sq. K.M, Male / Female population is 1,04,086 and 96,478, S.C and S.T. population is 15627 and 1022. According to 2013 Municipal election, total no. of voters is 1,42,199.

Inhabitants mainly depend upon the Municipality for sanitation, transport, open spaces, recreation, health care, power, water, good housing and there is no hesitation to admit that with the burden of growing city and bulging population the municipal body has to struggle hard for providing few of these services up to satisfaction. But we remains alert to give the demands a shape by making liaison with the govt. dept. by way of better utilization of funds and bring smile to all faces.

Newly launched two flagship urban revamp schemes Atal Mission for Rejuvenation And Urban Transformation and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana would help the urban poor through increased access to water supply, sewer connections, public transportation, housing, improved urban governance ensuring transparency and accountability and better delivery of services. We have 3 parks as per the SAAP. Those are Sarbodaya Nagar Park, Srikhethra Colony Park and Dhipa Jaga Park. We are very much alert to renovate them by way of giving them a new shape so that these may act as a way of giving mental amusement to the people and particularly to the senior citizens, children and women so that they may lead a stress-free & healthy life.

ABOUT ULB ADMINISTRATION

According to article – 12 of Indian constitution local authority is a government. Accordingly the council of puri municipality is also a government. The chairperson of the municipality is the head of the office as per rule 428 of Odisha Municipality Rules-1953. The municipality is guided by Odisha Municipal Act)-1950 (OM ACT-1950) and Odisha Municipality Rule-1953. All the functions of the municipality may be exercised and shall be performed and discharged by the resolution passed at a meeting of the municipality and not otherwise as per provision u/s 95 of OM ACT-1950. The executive officer is to carry out and execute the resolution of the council to whom the executive power is vested. The municipality may appoint committees to assist them in discharge of the duties devolved upon them under this act. Within the whole or the portion of the municipality areas as per the provision of u/s 58. The municipality may constitute finance committee, public health, hospital, dispensary, public works or other special committee relating to the propose to the Act. Accordingly the municipality has constituted several committees to assist the council in day to day works under the headship of the chairperson. Various sections are functioning in municipality such as establishment section, license section, public work section, tax section, public health section and general and misc. section for the smooth maintenance of municipal administration. Besides executive officer there are at present two officers working in this municipality as assistant executive officer and enforcement officer to assist the administration. One health officer is also in charge of health section deputed by Govt. of Odisha. Public work / Engineering section is
being managed by an assistant executive engineer of LFS category. The executive engineer of PHEO is now functioning as in charge of municipal engineer.

ABOUT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

A budget is being prepared by the municipality every year and presented before the council two months before the close of the year as provided under section 104 of OM ACT-1950. After presentation, budget is published in the prescribed manner and shall be opened to the Voters of municipal area to invite any suggestion as per u/s 106 of OM ACT-1950 and after expiration of the publication period the municipality (council) sanctions the budget estimate and there after the budget forwarded to state Govt. for approval as provided u/s 107 of OM ACT-1950.

The municipality fund is constituted out of its own sources of income and govt. grants for different purposes. Unless the state govt. otherwise direct all sums receives on account of municipality fund shall be paid govt. treasury and bank SBI who are considered as custodian of municipal fund as provided under section 115 of OM ACT-1950. The municipality may raise loan for development purposes with the approval of state govt. The details of utilization of municipal fund has been provided u/s 117 of OM ACT-1950. The executive officer has the power to receive, recover and credit to the municipal fund any sum due or tender to the municipality as provided under section 97 of OM ACT – 1950. The executive officer is acting as the disbursing officer of the municipality. All these functions are being conducted by the account section of the municipality where an accountant, cashier, accounts clerk, audit clerk are working.

CITIZEN CENTRIC SERVICES

The prime citizen centric services of puri municipality are development and maintenance of road, sanitation, drain cleaning, recreational services and provision of street lights. Special arrangements are being made during festive occasions. These works are managed by the engineering, health, light and other sections under the supervision of chairperson and executive officer.

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

At present there is grievance cell operating in this municipality manually. The grievance petitions those are received from the collector’s grievance cell are being complied and necessary replied send to the collector Puri time to time. The online grievance mechanism will launch shortly.
Running Projects
AMRUT-:

PARKS –

In Puri Municipality area 03 parks being targeted to develop/construct in 1st year.

- Development of SRIKHETRA COLONY PARK covering an area of 1762sqm in ward 27 of Rs. 22 Lakhs
- Development of SARBODAYA NAGAR Park covering an area of 1880 sqm in ward No 28 of Rs.24 Lakhs
- Development of DHIPAJAGA PARK covering an area of 1850 sqm in ward 27 of Rs. 20 Lakhs

WATER SUPPLY

- To ensure water connection to each household with adequate supply
- Construction of water treatment plant
- augmentation of existing water supply and rejuvenation of water bodies to recharge ground water
- Construction of underground and overhead reservoirs to increase the storage capacity
- Switch over to 24x7 water supply system

DRAINAGE

- Importance on functioning of drainage system and solving Water logging problems
- construction of storm water drainage and improvement of existing system in the entire Municipal area to provide through underground drainage system.

SEWERAGE & SEPTAGE SYSTEM

- Each household to get sewerage connection
- Construction of sewage treatment plant for treating the sewage before discharging to the out fall
- Faecal sludge management – cleaning, transportation and treatment
- Mechanical and biological cleaning of sewers and septic tanks

TRANSPORTATION

- Construction of foot path for safety movement of pedestrians
- To control unauthorized parking spaces are to be constructed
- To develop Non motorised transport system
- providing alternate mode of transport to reach different destination.
PRADHAN MANTRI AWAS YOJANA:

- A house is a basic necessity in the lives of the poor as it would motivate them towards better opportunity and higher goals. The scheme provides the opportunity to urban poor
- slum dwellers and the economically challenged sections residing outside the slum are to get houses.
- The project has started from the year 2015-16 and will continue up to 2022. This time ULB has a target of constructing 379 Nos of Houses. The DPR have been prepared and submitted to government for approval. Slum Redevelopment projects may also be included.

Swachha Bharat Mission:

A clean city not only improves the looks of the habitats but also prevents a variety of mass diseases from afflicting their residents and visitors. The municipality is focusing on this project and tackling the waste management system. To make the inhabitants feel their role in keeping the city clean ward-wise cleaning programmes are going on and already hoardings installed at prominent places. The government is providing financial assistance to construct Sanitary latrine for those beneficiaries having no such privilege. In this project there is a scope of construction of community latrine at places where there is no scope of construction Individual latrine. On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, 2015 an awareness campaign was organised by Puri Municipality, Odisha under Swachh Bharat Mission. Ward-wise cleaning programmes have been continuing by the employees, people’s representatives with the support local people as apart of SWACHHA PURI AVIYAN.
National Urban Livelihood (NULM) in Puri Municipality

In order to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor households of Puri Municipality, Puri Municipality is giving priority to NULM, a flagship programme. This poverty reduction programme is designed to rest on the foundation of social mobilization of urban poor, formation of their own institutions and enabling them to access a range of financial services and skill development for better livelihood services. In addition, the Programme would also address livelihood concerns of the urban street vendors by facilitating access to suitable spaces, institutional credit, social security and skills to the urban street vendors for accessing emerging market opportunities.

National Heritage City Development And Augmentation Yojana (CITY Hriday Plan – Puri)

SHANKHA KHSETRA HERITAGE ZONE

Streetscape Improvement of Bada Danda through provision of surface treatments differentiated by material, colour and texture, table top crossings for segregating vehicular and pedestrian movement and provision of visitor amenities (street furniture, movable bollards, signage, drinking water fountains, waste bins, food kiosks etc.) and visitor infrastructure (dedicated vehicular parking, street lights and façade lighting) and façade improvement of existing shop fronts through signage standardization and awnings.

Retrofitting of building facades along the parikrama marg (periphery) of Shri Jagannatha Temple along with provision of visitor amenities including street furniture, signage and façade improvement of existing shop fronts and Mathas.

Landscape development of Shri Jagannatha Ballabh Matha Garden through softscape, hardscape, with provision of visitor amenities including street furniture, interpretive signage, public art, drinking water fountains, waste bins and lighting and interpretive materials.
Historic area interpretation through provision of tactile and sensor based signage, creation of interpretive signages with public art using local artisans, creating a mobile app with existing GIS map linking interpretation centres with heritage buildings, tanks, artisan areas for development of heritage walk/s

Provision of visitor amenities (street furniture, signage, drinking water fountains, toilets, waste bins) and visitor infrastructure (street lights) along the Swargdwar Road (excluding footpaths) (as part of improvement of key roads connecting Shri Jagannatha Temple to other Sites of Significance) Façade improvement and facility upgradation of a select number of Mathas - Raghavdas Matha, Dakshina Parsva Matha, Bauli Matha, Ganga Mata Matha, Bada Odiya Matha and Jagagharas
RIVER MUSA ENVIRONMENTAL ZONE

Landscape Development and Improvement of Streetscape for a 1km stretch of active river via Provision of Walkways, Cycle tracks (improved NMT facilities), Softscape and Visitor Amenities such as Street Furniture and Signage along the River Front, NH203 and NH 203A from Atharanala to Mangala Ghat and the Nodes connecting it with Bada Danda.

Revival of Pokharis/ponds located in Jagagharas (desilting, dredging and landscape development)

BALUKHANDA RECREATIONAL ZONE

Provision of improved landscape through hardscape and softscape and Visitor Amenities (drinking water, toilets, waste bins) for Marine Drive and the Extended Sea Beach including pathways, platforms for kiosks, planting of trees and shrubs, lighting, Site Interpretive panels, Street Furniture, Public Art, bollards, children’s activity area and vending area.

Landscape Development of Banki Muhan through provision of mixed vegetation as cyclone barrier, walking and cycling tracks, amphitheater, platform for vendors of local crafts and food, interpretative panels on maritime history of Puri, plumbing services using treated water from Banki Muhan treatment plant, providing visitor amenities and infrastructure including toilets, drinking water, lighting, benches, waste bins, bollards and children’s play area.
INTERVIEW of
SIDHESWAR MOHAPATRA,
Sahitya Academy Awardee, writer of Puri Boli & Srimandir Purohit

Puri municipality is one of the oldest in the state of Odisha. During its existence the story of its activities has been admixture of success and failure. To prepare a balance sheet both the aspects are to be seriously viewed and critically examined.

I feel that in providing road, light and other infrastructure facilities the municipal administration has been something concrete for the benefit of the common man. While in area such as public health and sanitation, encouragement of handicraft, folklore and the original cultural values of the locality, the role of the municipality has proved to a dismal failure. It is my personal feeling that we should not be complacent for the story of our success nor should we be depressed for what we have not been able to achieve yet. What I mean to say that we have many more miles to go and make the benefit of local democracy reach the poor, downtrodden and the marginalized groups. I strongly believe that this newsletter will provide a platform for sharing of views leading to improvement of the system for the benefit of all concerned.