

Launch Date of the Project

18th February, 2016

Project Duration

48 Months

Project Location

Nagpur

Stakeholders

Local Government Officials, State Government, Citizens, Urban Poor, Elected Representatives, Civil Society Organisation (CSOs)

Beneficiaries

Citizens and officials working in Local Authority and organisations

Equi-City's Lake Conservation Initiatives

Campaign held for Cleaning and Conservation of Futala Lake

Lakes are the important part of our environment and vital water resource. They are the life supporting systems of our society. They are the support unit for millions of people in this age of rapid industrialization and urbanization.

After the severe crisis in water supply, local bodies, irrigation departments, state and central governments and other NGO's are showing keen interest on cleaning the lakes and restoring the existing remaining water bodies. Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) together with active participation of Equi-City Team organized the campaign for Cleaning and Conservation of Lake.

Some of the prominent NGO's Paryavaran Prerna Vidarbha, Swacch Association, Center for Sustainable Development, NEERI, All India Institute of Local Self Govt, Airforce Vayu Sena Nagar, NCC Naval Wing, Mah 4 Battalions, National Civil Defence College NCDC, Nagpur Garden Club, NMC Fire dept and Talav Bachav Samiti commenced a phase of comprehensive and planned Futala Lake Cleanliness and Rejuvenation drive with host of other experts on 27th May 2017 Futala Lake, Nagpur.

Futala Lake is a prominent landmark of Nagpur city. It is one of the oldest lakes in Nagpur built by Bhosle kings of Nagpur



.The lake is spread over 60 acres, the lake is known for its coloured fountains. In the evenings the place is illuminated with halogen lights and Tanga (carriage) ride. The lake is surrounded on three sides by forest and a landscaped Chowpatty on one side. In absence of maintenance, the use of this prehistoric lake was limited to cattle washing only.

It was therefore decided in the year 2003 to beautify this lake from NIT fund with equal aid from State Government. This spot has become the most attractive spot of Nagpur City and on an average 1000 visitors visit the lake daily.

But even after the beautification work has taken place, we can observe many grave problems in this area. It is seen that Futala lake water is polluted due

to the following reasons:

- ◆ Surface run-off and agriculture run-off.
- ◆ Washing of clothes, animals and vehicles.
- ◆ Effluents from upstream from surrounding residential area.
- ◆ Immersion of idols of God and Goddess during festival season.
- ◆ Discharge of domestic sewage and dumping of garbage.
- ◆ The lake area is also misused as public toilets leading to unhygienic environment and increasing the organic load in the lake.
- ◆ To the south of the lake, its banks are used as crematorium.
- ◆ Dumping of garbage and other wastes around the lake is taking place, which not only pollutes the lake but also



spoils its beauty.

- ◆ Cattle grazing can be seen to the west and north of the lake.
- ◆ The volume of the Futala Lake is decreasing due to the accumulation of silt coming from the run off.

Equicity team helped to spread awareness in the Bastis/Slums and Shops around Futala regarding the cleanliness of lake. The Equicity Team distributed around 2500 pamphlets in the shops and bastis/slums around Futala and sensitized around 4000 people about their environment and took a pledge from them to keep the lake clean. Equicity sensitized the shopkeepers and vendors around the Futala Lake so as to keep dustbins in their shop and urge people to use dustbins. Also they were told to stop providing Plastic bags to customer as far as possible.

This will help reduce dumping of Plastic waste in the lake. There is a need not only for implementing of conservation measures but also generating awareness among the people towards the lake which provides livelihood to the people and forms an integral part of the social, economic and cultural life.

The above mentioned causes play a very crucial role in the degradation of lakes. The social and livelihood issues are influencing the activities.

Such activities and restoration drives have a great on the water body as well as on the society's awareness about such crucial issues. Following are some of the highlighted objectives/outcomes of these activities:

- ◆ To increase or restore the water holding capacity of the lake.
- ◆ To improve the water quality of the lake.
- ◆ To evolve sustainable management plan after the restoration of the lake.



New Municipal Commissioner to NMC

Equi-City Team welcomed the newly appointed Municipal Commissioner Shri Virendra Singh, at the Nagpur Municipal Corporation. Shri Virendra Singh,

is an IAS officer of 2006 batch. Prior to his appointment at Nagpur, he was posted as Director of Municipal Administration at Mumbai. He will replace Ashwin Mudgal, who has already taken over as the District

Collector. Shri Virendra Singh is a Science graduate, and hails from Rajasthan. Shri Singh is also a former Short Service Commission officer of Indian Air Force and is known as a tough administrator.



Equi-City Team welcoming newly appointed Municipal Commissioner

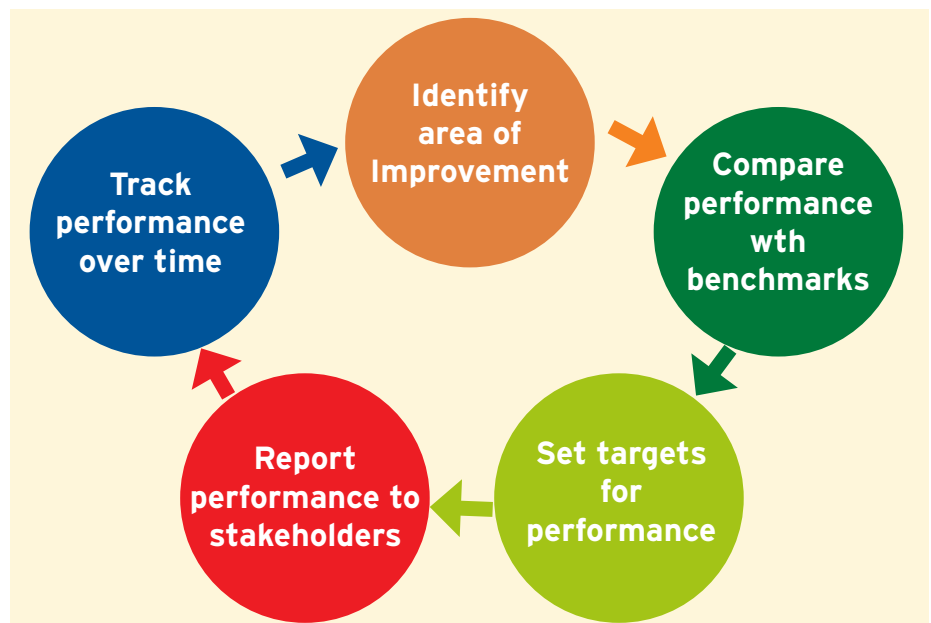


Equi-City Team along with AILSG Regional Director Nagpur briefing about the activities under Equi-City project

Survey conducted to measure efficiency in delivery of municipal services

Equi-City Team conducted an analytical field survey covering 4 Prabhags and approximately 3000 Households in Nagpur Municipal Corporation. The main aim of this activity was to gather initial information of level of services being provided in these areas. After which the attained data regarding different indicators of services will be analysed and compared with service level bench marks.

Benchmarking is now well recognized as an important mechanism for introducing accountability in service delivery. It can help Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and utilities in identifying performance gaps and effecting improvements through the sharing of information and best practices, ultimately resulting in better services to people. Recognizing its importance, the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Government of India, has launched the Service Level Benchmarking (SLB) initiative covering water supply, wastewater, solid waste



management (SWM) and storm water drainage.

Performance Measurement must necessarily be accompanied with

performance benchmarking, to identify how well or how poorly the agency is performing and what types of actions are required to reform service delivery in different sectors.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ World Environment Day, June 05, 2018



Glimpse from the Lake Cleaning Drive



Lake cleaning activities at Futala Lake, Nagpur

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Awareness Drive in the city

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