Municipal Vision Document

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Raiganj Municipality

INTRODUCTION

Raiganj is The district head quarter and owing to its location importance, a town situated at the centre of Raiganj named as Raiganj Municipality has obtained the Municipal status on 15thAugust in 1951.This town has been considered as regional growth centre for economic growth and employment with a vast rural hinter land. Population as per 2011 census(Provisional) is : **183682** with a rapid growth. covering an area of 10.76 Sq.km.It is situated at a distance o 400 km from the state capital Kolkata connected by means of National Highway 34 and B.G line by rail.

The town Raiganj is located in the lower part of North Bengal. It is the District Head Quarter of Uttar Dinajpur.To the East the town is linked with another important town Kaliaganj,located adjacent to Bangladesh at a distance of 20 km.The western part of the town is linked with Kathihar in Bihar,by a Broad Gauge line it is also linked withthe state capital Kolkata.

MUNICIPALITY AT A GLANCE:

Total area	:10.76 Sq.km.
Population (2011 encus) Provisional	:183682
Density of Population	: 17071
Number of Slums	:101
Slum Population	:75696
Number of Municipal Wards	:25
Number of Councilors	:25

Vision of Raiganj Municipality upto 2015-2016

Raiganj Municipality aims to transforming itself in such a way as to be able to usher in a change in living conditions and quality of life of the citizens in general, and the people living below poverty line in particular, determined to built and improve the physical infrastructures such as supply of safe drinking water, sanitation, roads, health for a better civic life with special focus on the comprehensive improvement/ development of slum concentrated areas. So our vision is to transform Raiganj into a vibrant, beautiful, green, environmentally clean, pollution free urban area along with self reliant, transparent, and technically equipped governance. Providing basic infrastructures like water supply, sanitation, communication, solid waste management along with health facilities as per standards and norms to all the citizens'.Our vision is to education to all.

Development Objective

A.Category-1: Infrastructure, Land Use and Environment Development
Sub-category 1.1:Intra-Municipal Infrastructure

Development objective:

- Providing water connection to every household in the Raiganj Municipality area.
- Supplying to all citizens water conforming to national standards in respect of quantity and quality.
- Service charges to be introduced for usage of Supplied Water.
- To prepare a Master Plan for the drainage system of the entire Municipal area and implement the same to ensure effective drainage of the ULB area.
- To prepare a Master Plan for the underground sewerage system along with provision for treatment of Waste Water of the entire Municipal area.
- Providing safe and hygienic sanitation facilities and eliminate unsanitary practices such as open defecation.
- To ensure proper flow of traffic in the major Arterials.
- Improving the condition of roads and increasing road connectivity.
- Improving street lighting in Raiganj Municipality area.
- Removal of road-side encroachments & widening of carriageway.
- Planning and implementation of appropriate traffic management.
- Achieving segregation of solid waste from at households and adopting scientific and sustainable ways of disposal of Municipal Solid Waste.
- Modernization of existing crematorium & burial ground.
- Improvement of Play grounds, Community centres, etc in the Raiganj Municipality area.
- Maintenance of the Villas.
- Construction of new Road from NH 34 to Kantanagaron Kulik River Bank and from NH 34 to Raiganj railway Station
- Providing better amenities by installation of Ropeway and beautification of Raiganj Municipal Park
- Construction of swimming pull in Raiganj Municipal area.
- Improvement & modernization of Raiganj Bandar Market.

Sub Category 1.2: SLUM Infrastructure

Development objectives:

- Ensure basic infrastructure services in slums in order to provide safe and healthy quality of Life.
- To diminish discrimination in availing services in comparison to the facilities enjoyed by the advanced section of people in the urban area.
- Arrangement for removal of solid waste from slum areas.
- Installation of electric lights in the slum areas are to be made.
- Pavements in slum are to be made and improved.
- Generate Awareness among the slum dwellers for protection of infrastructure assets already in existence and to be taken up from time to time.
- Arrange water for slum dwellers in a quantity and of quality as per standards.
- Arrange effective drainage in the slum areas to avoid waterlogging and unhygienic situation.
- Provision of individual /community toilets to stop open defection completely and substantially improve the sanitation.
- Integrating all slums with the solid waste management activity of the municipality.
- To elevate the level of infrastructural service in the slum areas, so as to make that at par with other parts of the town.
- Integrating all slums with the water supply, drainage and road networks of the municipality.

Sub-Category1.3 : **TRANS-MUNICIPAL Linkage**

Development objectives

- Providing good road with sufficient width and strength, free from encroachment, for smooth hassle free movement of the traffic between the Raiganj Municipal area and the important town like Siliguri, in the North Bengal .
- Providing good road to connect adjoining rural local bodies.
- Providing appropriate drainage arrangement with efficient outfalls for storm water from the areas covered by Raiganj Municipality and adjoining Gram Panchayets.
- Providing railway tracks in new alignments to facilitate movements to and from Siliguri at North Bengal and Balurghat in South Dinajpur.
- One fly over across the Railway line near the Municipal bus stand, road from bus stand to NS Road(Mohanbati).
- A few railway tracks in new alignments to i) make the journey to northern side of West Bengal easier and less time consuming ii.) Achieve railway connection with Balurghat at South Dinajpur by connecting Buniadpur railway station via KaliaganjRaiway Station.
- A railway connection up to NGP via Barsoi.
- A short Railway root from Raiganj toMalda town via Gazole/Aklakhi.
- A few major roads connecting the adjacent areas like 12 no Barua GP and 10 no Maraikura GP and 8 no Bahin are narrow, uneven and not strong enough to withstand the pressure of the traffic. Good, strong, wide roads are necessary to facilitate movements of agricultural produce from the fields to the market.
- Construction of rack point near toRaiganj Railway Station.

Sub category 1.4 : Land Use Development

Development objectives:

a) Theme 1 –Making land available

- Making available adequate land at appropriate locations for all municipal services.
- Providing land for healthcare services, education and recreation according to the norms proposed in UDPFI guidelines .
- To provide adequate land for transport infrastructure such as roads, drain.

b) Theme 2- Development of municipal owned land

- To improve condition of living in the congested or densely populated areas of the municipality through redevelopment of such areas.
- Regular maintenance of public squares, parks, garden, Burial Ground, BurningGhat and recreation areas.

c) Theme 3- Regulatory controls on development of area under the jurisdiction of the ULB

- Provide adequate regulatory measures for unauthorized street encroachments.
- Regular maintenance of Municipal land from illegal coal mines.
- Take adequate measures for old, dilapidated buildings, which are unsafe for human habitation and for the neighbourhood.

Sub category 1.5- Environment Management

Development objectives:

- To protect the quality of natural resources like air and water in accordance with the national standards.
- To achieve and maintain quality of drinking water.
- To protect wetlands and lakes against pollution and encroachment.
- Preventing pollution of natural water resources and maintaining water quality in accordance with WBPCB.
- Achieving and maintaining rain water supplements.
- To enhance and protect green cover and biodiversity.
- To achieve best possible use of land and open space.
- To disseminate environmental education to the community.

B.Category-2:**Social and Livelihood Development**

SUB-CATEGORY 2.1: LIVELIHOODS AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Development objectives:

1.Government Plans / Schemes

- Strengthening existing institutional structures in the ULB created by the various Government plans and programmes such as SwarnaJayantiShaheriRojgarYojana (SJSRY), Youth Welfare schemes, schemes for minority communities, etc.
- Strengthening the existing community structures viz. the CDS, SHG, NHC, NHG etc. and increasing the coverage, reach and network of these existing community structures.
- Provide sustainable livelihood opportunities for the urban poor by identifying innovative micro enterprise opportunities for the self help groups in the ULB.
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2. Non Plan /Other Initiatives

- Planning livelihood programmes for the homeless, shelter less squatters and informal settlers who do not receive benefits from existing government schemes/programmes.
- Participatory planning in managing livelihood development initiatives in slums/ squatters and informal groups.
- Partnering with organisations to facilitate growth in wage employment in the ULB.

SUB-CATEGORY 2.2: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Development objectives:

A. Regulation :

- Improve transparency of all regulatory processes.
- Registration of cycle-rickshaw pullers and van rickshaw pullers, barring multiple users to a single registration.

B. Targeted Infrastructure and Basic Services :

- Provide infrastructure and basic services to enhance economic activities of small-scale enterprise in the ULB.
- Work closely with higher levels of government to provide facilities earmarked for developing special industrial zone.

C. Facilitation and Promotion :

- Ensuring local skills and enterprise receive attention not just locally but also outside the ULB and the state.
- Ensure that small-scale enterprise has access to adequate finance.

SUB-CATEGORY 2.3: HEALTHCARE SERVICES DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT
DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

Theme 1: Public Health Services

- Exploring opportunities for strengthening decentralization and other public private partnerships in public health services.
- Strengthening and development of Health Management Information System.
- Better co-ordination with State Government Hospitals and Sub-center for maintaining a better referral system.
- Improve the asset and human resource utilization pattern of health services such as ambulance services

Theme 2: Reproductive and Child Health Care Services

- To establish quality antenatal care and institutional delivery to 100% women in Raiganj Municipality.
- To ensure 100% immunization of infants against six killer diseases within 12 months of birth.
- Improve the package of health services for both APL and BPL population.
- To spread health awareness through various methods of communication not only to the beneficiaries of the Programme but also to the excluded groups and people within the wards
- To ensure greater coverage of the services already provided form the Health Sub Centers.
- To introduce Health Management Information System and modern networking among the different health units.
- Introduction of effective school health programme.
- To ensure access to emergency services for all.
- Better implementation of different national programme.

SUB-CATEGORY 2.4:IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION
DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

Theme 1: Pre primary and primary schools

- Strengthen administration of pre primary schools and primary Schools.
- Improve Performance of schools .

Theme 2: Non-formal education and adult education

- Non formal education for children who cannot attend regular school.
- Improve all aspects of administration, management and performance of Adult Education programmes.

C.Category-3:**MunicipalInstitutional Strengthening**
SUB-CATEGORY 3.1: ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT
DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

Theme 1: Governance

- Ensure decentralized urban governance and service delivery through decentralisation of power and authority .
- Promote e-governance .
- Ensure higher participation of the communities in the development process.

Theme 2: Organisation structure and menpower

- Bring transparency, accountability and appropriate span of control at each level in the organisation.
- Better manpower utilisation and effective staff deployment.
- Enable increased speed of decision making through modernisation of office systems and procedures.

Theme 3: Skill development and capacity building

- Benchmark the level of skills and competence of employees; identify specific areas of training and assessment of training/re-training opportunities.

SUB-CATEGORY 3.2: THE INTERNAL PROCESS AND SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT
DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

Internal processes:

- Introduce processes that will increase the efficiency of the ULB delivery systems.
- Recording, identification and management of all assets owned and managed by the ULB.

Service delivery

- The standards of UDPFI and other such similar standards shall be achieved in municipal services.
- Ensuring improved delivery of essential urban services.
- Improve the duration of services and qualities of services as per citizens' charter.

SUB-CATEGORY 3.3: CITIZEN INTERFACE

DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

- Complaints related to Potable water supply & collection of wastes / garbage.
- Maintenance of Sewerage and drainage.
- Maintenance of roads & Street lights.
- Malaria and other epidemic control.
- Municipal Primary schools.
- Providing building plan permit.
- Obtaining shop/ trade licenses etc.

SUB-CATEGORY 3.4: Financial Plan

Development objectives:

- To undertake detailed revenue potential assessments together with the revenue department staff, contribute to the cost, deduction analysis of costs of activities in the utility departments of RM.
- To achieve effective administration of existing taxes, refurbishing of major taxes, efficient pricing of all the directly chargeable urban services, increasing use of non-tax sources.
- To enhance the scope of tax and non-tax sources to increase revenue.
- To explore option to raise debt capital, assess financial viability of select project investment and repayment capacity of RM.
- To identify methods to reduce finance cost and ensure better cash flow.
- To explore the options to undertake revenue generating projects through public- private partnership.
- To prepare the annual budget of RM on a more scientific basis than that being practiced.

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