



HOOGHLY CHINSURAH MUNICIPALITY

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Newly constructed railway bridge beside the Jubilee Bridge

Message from The Chairman, Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality

The Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality, established in the year 1865, is one of the oldest Urban Local Bodies of this state. It is a very old town with historical importance. This town is very close to the West Bank of the great river GANGA and it lies within the Kolkata Municipal Authority or KMA. It has 30 wards covering a total area of 17.29sq.Km. The population of Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality is around 1.77 lakhs as per 2011 census, which attributes to its predominant position within Hooghly district and its surrounding. It is also the District Head Quarter as well as Chinsurah is the Divisional head quarter of Burdwan Division. Our Municipality intends to transform itself into an environmentally clean and green urban area congenial for all sections of society of reap a sustainable and quality living.



Uplifting the Socio-Economic pattern and rendering better Civic Services to the people and strengthening the Municipal Institutional infrastructure and increasing skill of youth through proper training and monitoring and etc have remained the motto of Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality. We intend to encourage tourism development. Slum development has always been one of our major activities. At present Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality has identified 231 numbers of slums within 30 numbers of wards. The programme under JNNURM has been progressed when dwelling units has been constructed (BSUP Phase I – 2021 nos. and BSUP Phase II- 858 nos. housing scheme including 15 MGD Water Treatment Plant. Gitanjali project is also going on.

Two new central Govt. Projects viz. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and urban transformation (AMRUT) and Housing for All (HFA) are running under Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality. Under AMRUT Project we have already completed the SLIP preparation of Water Supply and Green Spaces and Parks and the same has been uploaded in Slip Generator Web portal and SAAP has been done. Our municipality entitled to get a fund of Rs25Lakhs for development of park under AMRUT and necessary DPR has already been submitted. In this connection, a current bank account has already been opened.

The Municipal Authority has tried their best to sort out prioritized problems with the available limited municipal resources. We have set our goal and strived to achieve it with share hard work & determination.

The Demand survey under Under Housing for All and the work of preparation of Action plan have been completed. In the first phase Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality has sanctioned 186 nos. of dwelling units out of 9122 dwelling units. Preparation of DPR and the work of identification of beneficiaries have been completed. National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) replacing earlier Swarna Jayanti Sahari Rojgar Yojona (SJSRY) project and National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) activities have already been introduced in Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality and started its operation. We are determined to address both the issues with strong motivation and devotion for the interest of the local inhabitants.

Sri Gouri Kanta Mukherjee

Chairman, Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality

VISION

We intend to encourage setting up of hi-tech industries and other business enterprises considering public - private participation as well as maintaining the proper environment for the existing industries.

To render better municipal services to the citizen we intend to strengthen our municipal institutional infrastructure increasing the skills of the employees through training and regular monitoring, setting up public grievance cell, making computerized office with on-line services.

To achieve the above-mentioned goals we envisage making a complete plan with better transparency in all spheres of municipal services through the participation of all the Stakeholders in the locality.

Storm water drainage and sewerage system is to be developed and to construct the sewerage treatment plant for waste water recycling.

Historical Importance

Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality was established in the year of 1865 with Mr. Cockrell as its first Chairman (1865-1870) and Mr. G. S. Park as its first Vice- Chairman. Hooghly-Chinsurah Municipality is one of the oldest municipalities of greater Bengal. In 1865, Hooghly-Chinsurah Municipality was formed by the amalgamation of Hooghly and Chinsurah towns primarily with the objective of local governance and tax collection.

Hooghly with its twin Chuchura was a sparsely populated hamlet and quiet flowed the Ganga on its west as we look back to centuries past. At first awakened by European traders in the seventeenth century the twin town saw many luminaries as Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Debendranath Tagore, Bhudev Mukherjee, Akhsay Chandra Sarkar as harbingers of new philosophy, art and literature to usher in an age of reason and quest in the nineteenth century Bengal. The tradition was carried on by Debendranath Mondal, Nagendranath Mukherjee, Gourhari Som, Hamidul Haque, Sirajul Haque, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Jyotish Chandra Ghosh, Bijoy Krishna Modak and a galaxy of bright young patriots during the days of freedom movement.

Hooghly and Chinsurah was designed as a joint Municipality. Hooghly-Chuchura is a municipal town formed by the merging of two towns, Hugli and Chinsura, in 1865. The names are spelled in other ways including *Hooghly, Hugli, Hughli, Ugulim* (in Portuguese), *Chinsura, Chunchura, Chuchro* and *Chinsurah*.

Both Chinsurah and Hooghly played a role in the Bengal renaissance and the Indian independence movement. "Vande Mataram", India's national song, was composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay at Joraghat in Chinsurah, who had been an alumnus of the Hooghly Mohsin College. Nazrul Islam's revolutionary songs were penned while he was imprisoned by the British in Hooghly Jail.

The Portuguese founded the town of Hooghly-Chuchura, in 1579, but the district has thousands of years of heritage in the form of the great kingdom of Bhurshut. The city flourished as a trading port and some religious structures were built. One such structure is a church dedicated to a charismatic statue of the Mother Mary brought by the Portuguese.

In the 17th century, political disorder struck the city and the Mughal governor of Bengal expelled the Portuguese. The fleeing Portuguese lost the statue in the river, but local people later found it on the

river bank. The arrested Portuguese were taken to Delhi where a death sentence of trampling by elephants was decreed. When the emperor Shah Jahan heard this he ordered the priests released and granted a piece of land on the bank of the river Hoogly where the statue of the Mother Mary was reestablished. There the Portuguese constructed a church to house the statue, which still receives pilgrims today. The church was renovated in 1980s and has been declared as a basilica by the authority of Rome.

In 1656 the Dutch erected a factory on the site of the town. In 1759 the garrison of Chinsurah, on its march to Chandernagore, attacked a British force under Colonel Forde. The Battle of Chinsurah lasted less than half an hour and ended with the rout of the Dutch attackers. In 1795, during the Napoleonic wars, a British garrison occupied the settlement. The peace of 1814 restored Hughli Chinsurah to the Dutch. However, in 1825, the Dutch ceded many of their possession in India to the British, in exchange for the British possessions in Sumatra.

Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality

- At a glance -

Name of the District:	Hooghly
Year of establishment:	1865
Area (in Sq.Km):	17.29 Sq.Km
No. of wards	30
Distance from District Headquarter:	1.5 Km
Population(Census 2011)	
Male	88844
Female	88415
Total	177259
Density of Population(per Sq.Km)	10285
Break Up of Population(2011) :	
Scheduled Caste	26099
Scheduled Tribe	1302
Minorities	Not Available
Date when last election held	25 th May 2015

Assessment of Property:	
Total holdings	44397Nos
Total no. of holdings whose assessment has been made	48256 Nos
No.of holdings to whom demand notice are issued	Not Available
Total demand for 2014-2015	18123794/-
Total collection for 2014-2015	14345662/-
Year of last assessment by West Bengal Valuation Board	2009-2010
Year/quarter of imposition of current property tax	2 nd Qtr of 2009-2010
Literacy	
Male	69504
Female	67905
Total	137409
Percentage of Literate Population (2011)	80%
Number of BPL Household(as per SUDA Survey)	7073
Scenario of Slum	
Total No.of Slum	232
Total Slum population (as per USHA Survey)	59000
Percentage if Slum Population to the total population	29.45%
No. of slum where Sum Infrastructure Improvement sanctioned under BSUP/IHSDP	50+36=86 Nos
No. of Slum where Slum Infrastructure Improvement already done under BSUP/IHSDP	86 Nos
Housing status for Urban Poor:(as on 31.03.2014)	
No. of dwelling units targeted to be provided under BSUP/IHSDP	2879 Nos
No .of beneficiaries already provided with Houses under BSUP/IHSDP	2500 Nos
No. of beneficiaries provided with Houses under 'Housing for Urban Poor'	100 Nos
Road	
Length of Metalled Road (in km.)	347.65 Km
Length of Non-Metalled Road (in km.)	79.13 Km
Length of other Roads (in km.)	41.78 Km
Total length of Road(in Km)	471.56 Km

Total no. of wards fully covered with Metal/Cement Concrete Road	2 Nos
Drainage	
Length of Kutcha Drain (in Km)	134.00 Km
Length of Pucca Drain(in km)	240.00 Km
Length of underground/covered drain(in Km)	16.00 Km
Total length of Drain(in km)	390.00 Km
No. of wards fully covered with Pucca Drain	Nil
No.of wards partly covered with Pucca Drain	30 Nos
Water Supply	
No of water Treatment Plant (Trans Municipal project under Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality and Bansberia Municipality)	01 No.
No.of Deep Tube Well	39 Nos
No.of Hand Tube Well	11 Nos
No.of Street Stand Post	2679 Nos
Length of Water pipeline (in kilometer)	242 Km
No .of underground Reservoir	Nil
No.of Overhead Reservoir	06 Nos
No.of wards fully covered with Water Supply Pipeline	30 Nos
No.of houses connected with Water Supply Network	28460
Who is maintaining water supply-Municipality/PHE Dept./ KMDA/KMWSA	Municipality
Sewerage and Sanitation	
No.of sanitary latrine constructed	Not Available
No. of family provided with Sanitary latrine under ILCS+BSUP/KHSDP+HUP(together)	2879 Nos
No.of Community Latrine/Public Toilet	11 Nos
Length of Sewer Line (in kilometer)	Not Avilable
No.of Sewage Treatment Plant(STP)	Not Avialble
Solid Waste Management	
No.of Dumping Found ,if any	1 Nos
No. of landfill site, if any	1 Nos

No. of Mechanical Sweeper, if any	Nil
No. of Compactors, if any	Nil
Street Light	
No. of Light Post	7313 Nos
No. of High Mast Light Post	4 Nos
No. of Trident Light Post	13 Nos
No. of other Ornamental Light post	374 Nos
No. of wards covered with light posts	29 Nos
Health	
No. of Hospital (ULB+Govt+Others)	ULB-Nil, Govt-2 Nos
No. of Municipal Maternity Home	Nil
No. of Regional Diagnostic Centre	Nil
No. of extended Specialist Out Patient Department (ESOPD)(IPP-VIII)	1 Nos
No. of Municipal Health Sub-Centre	33 Nos
No. of Municipal Health Administrative Unit(HAU)(IPP-VIII)	3 Nos
No. of Municipal Dispensaries	Nil
No. of Municipal Ambulance	02 Nos
No. of Hearse Car	02 Nos
Education	
No. of Higher Secondary School(Municipal)	Nil
No. of Higher Secondary School(Others)	16 Nos
No. of Secondary School(Municipal)	Nil
No. of Secondary School(Others)	15 Nos
No. of Primary School(Municipal)	02 Nos
No. of Primary School(Others)	70 Nos
No. of Sishu Siksha Kendras (SSK)	Not Available
No. of ICDS Centre	Not Available
No. of Junior High School	08 Nos
No. of beneficiaries under Sc/St Scholarship	108 Nos(Sc) ST-Nil for the year 2012-13
No. of beneficiaries under Minority scholarship	56 Nos

Other Infrastructure:	
Bridge	1
Flyover	Nil
Stadium	Nil
Parks	20 Nos
Playground	18 Nos
Auditorium/Community Hall	03 Nos
Borough Office	Nil
Ward Office	10 No
ULB Market	07 Nos
Burning Ghat	4 Nos
Electric Crematorium	1 Nos
Burial Ground	4 Nos
Public Library	3 Nos
Bus Terminus	1 Nos
Ferry Ghat	3 Nos
Guest House/Tourist Lodge	Not Available
Road Roller	2 Nos
Cess Pool	3 Nos
No.of Slaughter Houses	1Nos
Other (Please Specify)	Nil
Community Structure under SJSRY, Now it has all ready been converted NULM	
Total No.of CDS	02 Nos
Total No.of NHC	30Nos
Total No. of NHG	246 Nos
No.of Thrift & Credit Group (TCG)	303 Nos
No.of SHG	Nil
No.of DWCUA formed	06 Nos
National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)	

No.of beneficiaries under Indra Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme(IGNOAPS)	2205 Nos
No.of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Widow pension Scheme(IGNWPS)	1655 Nos
No.of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme(IGNDPS)-	112 Nos
No.of beneficiaries under National Family Benefit Scheme	06 Nos(2013-2014)
No .of Annapurna Antodaya Yojana (AY) card holder:-	Not Available
No.of Annapurna Anno Yojana(AAY) card holder:-	Not Available
No.of beneficiaries under Janani Suraksha Yojana(JSY):-	Not Available
No.of beneficiaries under KANYASHREE scheme:-	Not Available
No.of beneficiaries under YUBASHRE scheme:-	Not Available
Municipal Staff (as on 31.12.2015) at present working	310 Nos
Total no. of sanctioned Post-	587 Nos
Actual Sanctioned Vacant Post-	277 Nos
Actual Staff Strength (Contractual, not casual)	05 Nos

Some recent developments and events

The payment of salary of the municipal employees has been started through bank. The payment of wages of the casual staffs will be instituted through bank very shortly.

On 26th January 2016 (Republic Day) Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality stood third in the Tableau presentation organized by the District Headquarter.

Computerized Tax receipts and challan and computerized money receipts

The Finance Officer Sri Gopi Nath Das (WBA&AS) has been transferred and Sri Nuruddin Mallick (WBA&AS) has joined in his place as Finance Officer.

The Executive Officer Sri Tara Prasad Bose has retired on 31st December, 2015 and presently the post is lying vacant.

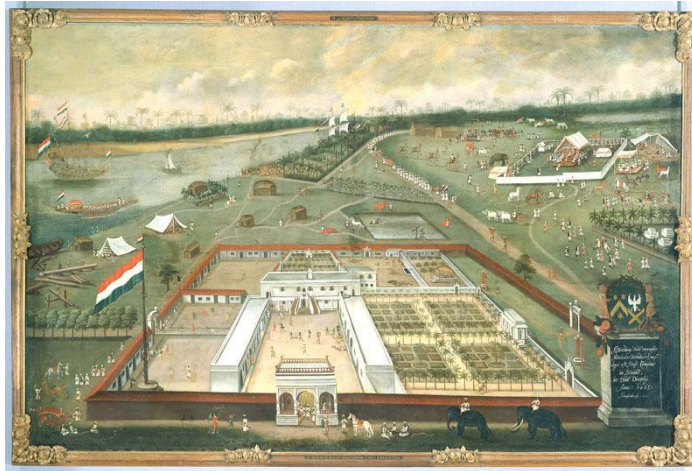
Municipality Premises



Tourism at CHINSURAH

(The erstwhile Dutch colony and origin of "Vande Mataram" - The national song of India)

Fort Gustavus built by Dutch in 1687



View of the Dutch settlement from the river Hooghly in the 17th century

The Portuguese founded the town of Hooghly-Chuchura in 1537. After the Portuguese left, the Dutch arrived here way back in 1628. The Dutch erected a factory on the site of the town in 1656. In 1824 Chinsurah ceded to British.



View of the Dutch settlement from the river Hooghly in the 17th century

***Some major tourist attractions ***

Bandel Church (The Basilica of the Holy Rosary)



The **Basilica of the Holy Rosary** commonly known as **Bandel Church** is one of the oldest Christian churches in West Bengal, India. Situated in Bandel, Hooghly district of West Bengal, it stands as a memorial to the Portuguese settlement in Bengal. Founded in 1599, it is dedicated to Nossa Senhora do Rosário, Our Lady of the Rosary.

Imambara, Hooghly



Hooghly Imambara is a beautiful mosque cum Imambara situated in the [Hooghly district](#) of [West Bengal](#). The construction of the Hooghly Imambara was started by Haji Muhammad Mohsin in 1841, which completed in 1861.

Chinsurah Clock Tower (Ghorir mor)



Located at a crossing and at the very centre of the town the clock tower was constructed in 1914 in honor of Edward VII.

Dutch Cemetery



Dutch Cemetery is a Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected site. The cemetery contains a assortment of graves scattered under the shade of ancient trees. The oldest date back to 1743 while the newest one is on 1840.

Susana Annmaria's tomb



Just outside the town of Chinsurah or Chuchura, on the Grand Trank Road (G T Rd.) is the temple styled grave of Susana Annmaria. Susanna Annamaria was a Dutch Lady married to an Englishman named Mr Yeats. Although nothing much is known neither about the lady or her husband. Built in 1809 the Octagonal structure is an ideal example of Indo – Dutch architecture. The two storied octagonal structure, with arched gateways and slender columns is crowned with a dome. The tomb contains no epitaph but the name Susanna Annamaria is inscribed in the drum of the dome.

Bandemataram Bhavan



Bandemataram House at Joraghat. The national song of India "Bandemataram" was composed in this house by the great literary figure Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay when he was posted as Dy Magistrate here.

Sandeshwari Temple



Dedicated to Lord Shiva the Sandeshwari Temple complex houses several other smaller temples and shrines. The temple also houses two brass drums and a brass Shiva Linga, which are taken out for public display on the last day of the Bengali calendar.

Heritage and Other Historical Importance

District Judges Court and Collectorate Building



One of the longest administrative building in India

Hooghly Mohsin College



The college was established in the year 1836 and Haji Mohammad Mohsin had contributed for the spreading the education. Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya was an alumnus of this college.

Hooghly Collegiate School



The school was established in the year 1812

Hooghly Branch Government School



This school was established in the year 1834

Moti Masjid



Moti Masjid located at Motijheel, Chinsurah

Green Spaces and parks



Riverside beautification with park at Mayurpankhi Ghat (Ward No. 13)



Riverside beautification at Bakultala Ghat (Ward No. 12)



Rani Rashmoni Ghat (Ward No. 12)

Street Lighting



Potli ghat, Pratappur (Ward No. 13)

Socio-Culture



Rabindra Bhavan, Chinsurah

Sports



Chinsurah Football Ground (Ward No. 24)

Urban Transportation and Communication



Chinsurah Bus Terminus (Ward No. 19)

Slum Development Programme

The list was submitted on the basis of collected demand survey Data (Form A & B) by the enumerators from the different slums and none slums areas of ward no. 1 to 30 to ascertain the actual demand of the houses. The following slums are declared as denotified and these are deleted.

1. Keota Bilotali – Slum Code 0137 Ward No 01.
2. Keota Rammohan Park – Slum Code 0156 Ward No. 02
3. Majher Rasta Busti – Slum Code -0225 Ward No. 29

The following slums are being added which are on the municipal own land and consider for redevelopment.

1. 2 no Kapasdanga HCM Quarter. Slum Code 0233, Ward No. 08.
2. Karbala Harijan Pally, Slum Code 0234, Ward No. 15.

The following 4 nos Slums are identified, which are enumerated in Form No. A and this will be re-developed with land as source.

1. Cherai Khana Municipal Worker Harijan Busti Ward No. 20
2. Tolafatak Sweeper Busti Ward no. 29
3. 2 No. Kapasdanga Municipal Busti, Ward No. 08
4. Karbala Municipal Worker Quarter, Ward no. 15
(Above Proposal for development through PPP model)

The Board of Councillors of this municipality decided to accept the proposal that the above mentioned 4 Nos. Slum will be re-developed by P P P Model and 220 Nos. will be beneficiary - led - construction and the rest of the slum will be credit Linked Subsidy construction and it is unanimously resolved that the HFAPoA has already been prepared in this Municipality for future development under Housing for all programme within a scheduled period as specified in the scheme of HFAPoA.

Water Treatment Plant



15 MGD Water Treatment Plant at Bansberia (Trans Municipal Project for Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality and Bansberia Municipality) has already been inaugurated on 7th March 2015 but distribution network is insufficient to maintain the requirement. A SLIP has already been sent to the Government and SAAP has already been sent to MoUD (GoI) which has been uploaded in the web portal of AMRUT.

Proposal for this Year

In this financial year (2015-16), Hooghly Chinsurah Municipality has taken up the project for development of existing one (1) number of park which has been selected on the basis of the present condition of these parks keeping in mind the overall objectives set by this ULB under the parks and open space development sub-component of AMRUT. The park, construction of which is in progress, detail given below:

Sl.No.	Name of Project	Location	Ward No.	Area of Sq.mt.
1	Green Space & Park	Nandipara	27	800

Citizen Oriented Services

The awareness camps regarding different matter are organized time to time for the local inhabitants as and when it requires.

House for All is one of the most important programme of technology based better services is to be launched.

Insanitary latrine identification under the project of Swachh Bharat Mission has already commenced in presence of the local enumerators.

Distribution of NFSA cards and RKSY cards has already been started among the inhabitants within the jurisdiction of this municipality.

Enumeration of Aadhar cards is still continuing in the municipal area.

E-Governance – Issue of Birth, Death, Cremation and Trade License Certificates to citizens.

Computerized Tax receipts and challan and computerized money receipts

Innovative Thoughts

We have plans to introduce online collection of taxes through bank and also house to house collection of taxes using better technologies.

To introduce a proforma based assessment system to assess the legal properties which helps to earn more to increase the municipal fund.

To assess the municipal properties and assets accurately which will help to increase the source of income.

To introduce GIS MIS data integration.

Focussing the legal proceedings and maintaining the legal papers and documents before the Ld. Civil Court and Hon'ble High Court a Legal Cell is to be constituted for proper operation as the different cases are increasing day by day. This cell consisting with a Ld. Lawyer and other Members (with knowledge of law) for future progress.

To maintain the applications under RTI Act 2005 and to generate the activities regarding the Public Services Act another separate arrangement is to be constituted for the betterment of the administrative action.

This town is very congested. For smooth traffic movements the parking and shopping complex is to be constructed on the basement on the central hub of the town (Ghorir More and its adjacent areas).

Rain water preservation/ harvesting - To avoid any scarcity of water or to supply the drinking water rain water harvesting process should be applied or implemented.

Guest house cum tourist Lodge is required to be constructed.

(To be continued in next edition ...)