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*“Kamarhati municipality will be soon declared Open Defecation Free, as part of the Swachh Bharat & Nirmal Bangla Mission”*





## Chairman's Desk

*“Kamarhati Municipality has undertaken significant projects fulfilling its goal of inclusive development of all sections of the society. This quarter the primary focus was on Swachh Bharat Mission or Nirmal Bangla Mission. Both the GOI and the state government has prioritized the impenetaion of the scheme, focusing on the fact that the ensuing rainy season will bring about fatal deseases, and open defecation has been a major cause of spread of water borne diseases. Work has already been started by the municipality and the mission is to transform Kamarhati into a Open Defecation Free municipality. This was followed by Pradhanmantri Awas Yojna (HFA) project also known as the Housing For All. Additionally implementation of mission projects such as AMRUT, will ensure basic infrastructure to all the residents of Kamarhati, as well as development of individual household. To ensure the health of urban population, the municipality has taken up another mission project called National Urban Health Mission (NUHM), as suggested by the Government of India and the State Government. The mission of this project will be to offer health check up and other related services targeting the urban poor and other residents. As a part of this 3 Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) will be constructed along with up gradation of the 4 existing centers. “*

## The Components

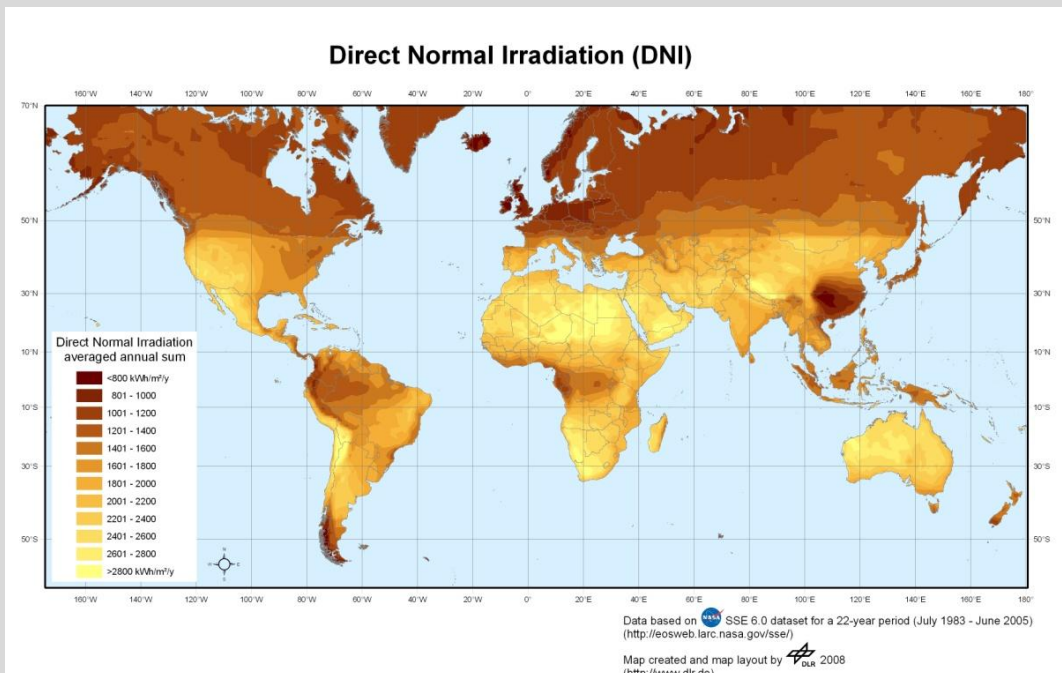
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# Solar Roof Top Power Plant

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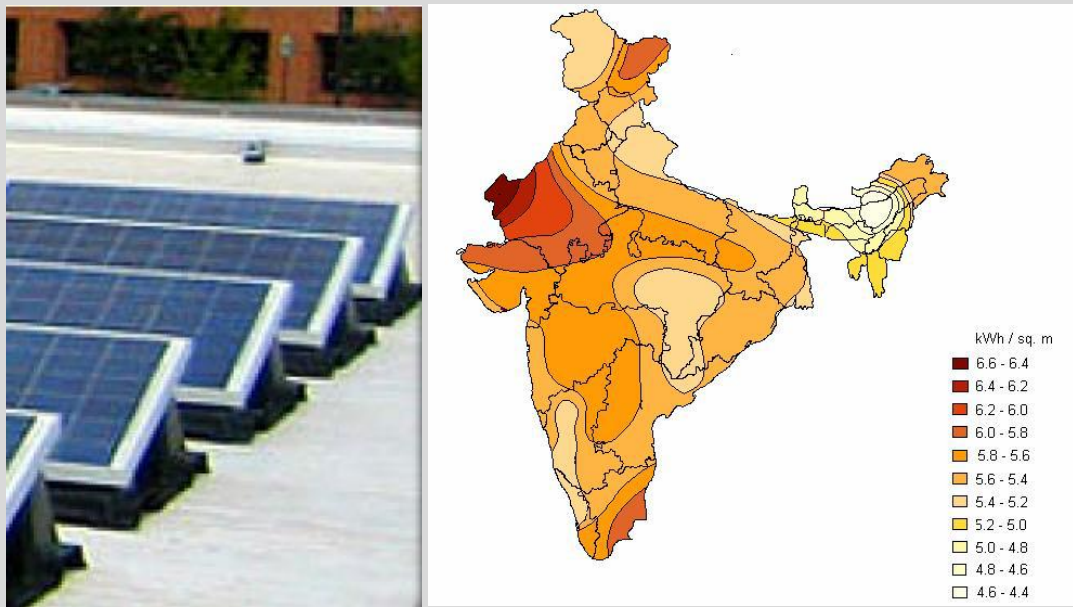
Keeping momentum with the recent developments in the renewable energy sector, the municipality has taken an ambitious step of going solar. Currently the municipality consumes approximately 30,000 Kwh of energy per month, which amounts to a large amount of money. It has been estimated that this present requirement will increase in the future, which would make it unsustainable with the electricity cost set to rise as well. In house research has shown that although Solar power generation would be initially expensive, it would benefit the municipality in the long run, with high saving and almost nullifying power cost after a certain period of time. This would provide the municipality to invest the extra funds in public infrastructure rather



than spending on electricity bills. Further aligning with the state policy of reducing our dependence on polluting fossil fuel sources our thrust is more on renewable energy sources.

Kolkata irradiation level is in the level of 5.4 to 5.6 kWh / Sq.m/day or 1800 to 2000 kWh/sqm/year and the Kamarhati municipal area is located in its northern periphery, the site could be considered appropriate for solar power generation.

Accordingly we have already moved ahead following our respected chairman's declaration to the media that Kamarhati is determined to



solar power and set a benchmark in this region. Subsequently preparation of DPR has started, and once the current survey is completed the DPR would be ready for final discussion and approval in the Board of Council meeting. We have set ourselves a deadline of around October and once the DPR is approved we are expecting to start its implementation before Pujas. We are also planning to generate energy from the municipal waste.

## Solid Waste Management

The municipality is targeting segregation of waste on source, which will resolve the issue of properly disposing or treatment of waste. Selling of plastics less than 40 micron selling will be fined @ Rs. 4000 per month. The municipality has received two compactors, during the second quarter. These were much needed. Now the municipal solid waste could be reduced in volume and compacted, before final disposal, and as well help with efficient and pollution free garbage transportation.



## STP & Sewerage System

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Kamarhati municipality has a joint STP with Baranagar municipality, which is insufficient to handle the present sewage generated by Kamarhati municipal area. Taking account of this issue the municipality has decided to construct a STP dedicated for treating its own sewage. However since Kamarhati do not have the required land, the new facility would be come up in the adjoin land of the current STP within South Dum Dum municipality. Necessary discussion has already been completed with the municipality and permission has been obtained.

This was as well discussed in a meeting with the Government of India at Delhi, held to discuss the status of sewage treatment by the municipalities situated along the river Ganga banks. Among all the municipalities the above case of Kamarhati and Baranagar was given special importance and decided to resolve the issue promptly. As part of this a ground survey of the existing situation of the sewage treatment plant is to be carried out urgently by EPIL. Subsequently, the STP Will be constructed by EPIL. This will be resolve an important issue of releasing untreated sewage into the Ganga, and as well help the Kamarhati municipality area sewerage system to be a well designed system, once the currently defunct STP starts operation.

## Parks

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The tendering process of ten parks has been completed as was allocated in the 2015-16 Amrut parks projects. Respective project funds have also been received by the municipality. Work order will be issued very soon



for the construction of the same. However it was felt that the total sum of 50 lacs for the six numbers of parks was insufficient, and the issue was taken up with the respective authorities. Accordingly we have received confirmation that for the next financial year the total project funding will be increased for proper implementation of well designed parks which could be landmarks for our municipal areas.



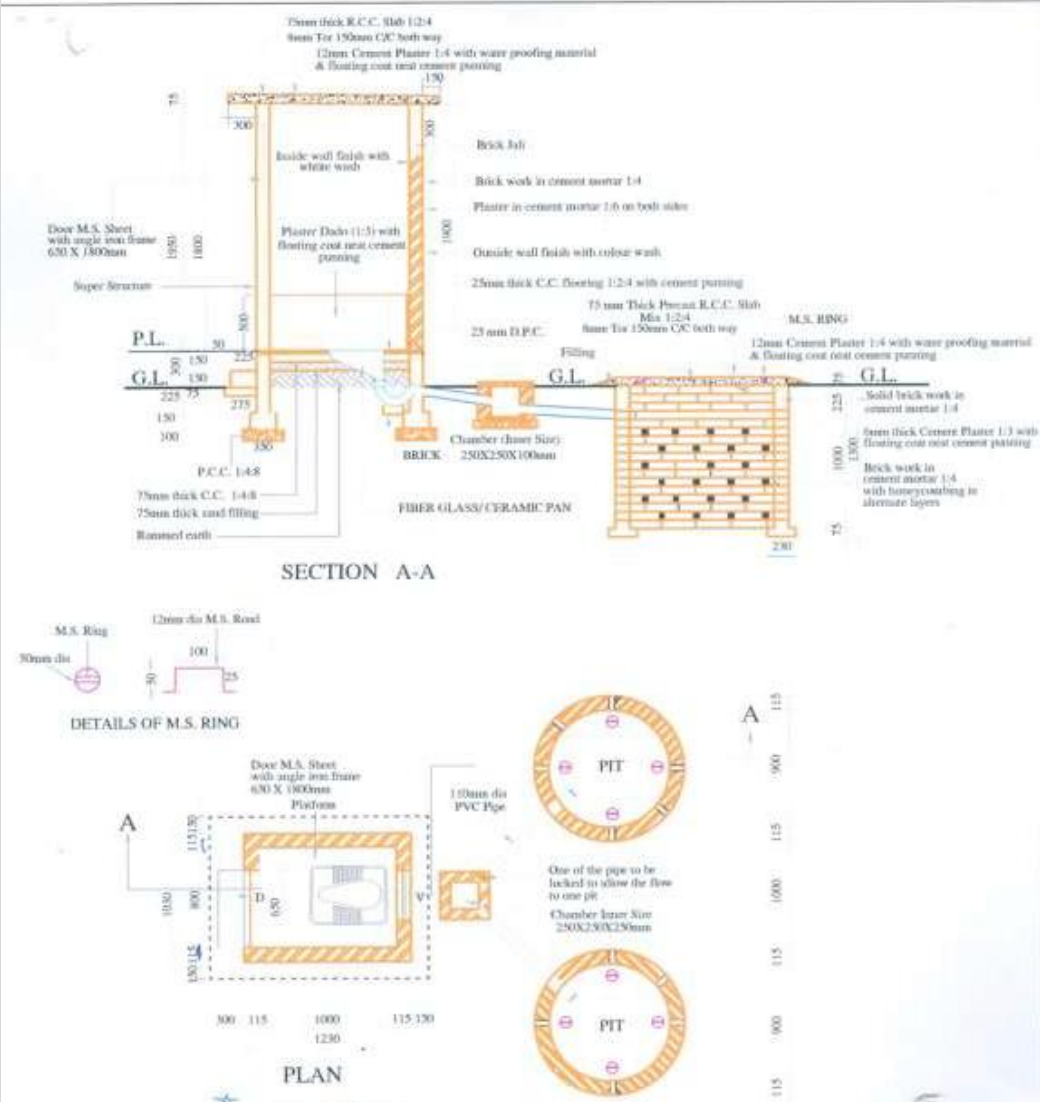




## Swachh Bharat and Nirmal Bangla mission

The district of Nadia was declared open defecation free very recently, and was the first one to be so in the country. Following its footsteps the second district of West Bengal is going to be North 24 Parganas, which could be declared open defecation free (ODF) very soon. Kamarhati Municipality being one of the largest municipalities within the district has taken up the mission in earnest, and planned a host of activities to accomplish the objective, before Puja. A base survey of toilet-less households or with insanitary latrines was carried out for each of the 35 wards within the municipality. Out of these, the most vulnerable locality was identified with rampant open defecation activities. These households were contacted and informed about the SBM/ Nirmal Bangla mission. Details of toilet design and construction costs were shared with

the beneficiaries, along with the financial help that can be availed from the government for constructing individual sanitary toilets. Subsequently a huge response was received from the interested parties, in the form of beneficiary contribution to this scheme. Following which work order was issued for the first lot of construction of the toilets. Looking at the heightened interest of the residents this scheme will be carried on even after the municipality is declared ODF.



Beside constructing toilets, the municipality has also planned to take up IEC and awareness activities to change unhygienic habit, especially of open defecation and inform about related health risk. A variety of program has been scheduled including quiz contest session in schools



and education organisation, street plays in vulnerable neighbourhood, advertisement flex and festoons in strategic locations and important road junctions etc. All the above activities will be funded jointly by the Government of India, the state government and the Kamarhati Municipality.



## Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna



Also known as Housing For All. Mission aim - The mission of this project is to provide pucca roof within 75 years of Independence of India. This is focussed mainly in urban area. Project detail include houses with 30 sqm of carpet area under BLC for EWS, and same facilities for LIG and for more area under CLSS. A total



fund of 17.52 crores has been allocated for this project. It has already been initiated with document verification of the interested applicant, and final selection of the beneficiary. For the current financial year of 2016-17, a total of 476 houses will be constructed, however the project will continue till 2021-22.



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