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## **Action Plan for Development of Green Space and Parks and to progressively increase Green Cover in Dum Dum Municipal Area to 15% in 5 years**

### **Introduction**

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation has been launched by the Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India in June 2015 and its Mission Statements and Guidelines tells to make action plan for development of green spaces and parks and to progressively increase Green Cover in cities to 15% in 5years. To achieve the same, this initiative to prepare action plan for Development of Green Spaces and Parks and to progressively increase Green Cover in Dum Dum Municipal Area to 15% is taken by Dum Dum Municipality.

### **Existing Scenario**

Based on Draft Development Plan of this Municipality and local information it has been found that Per Person Open Space in Dum Dum is approximately 7 Sqm whereas as per URDPFI norms it must be in the range of 10 – 12 Sqm/ per person.

Again, for Built up Areas per person open space in Dum Dum is 1.4 Sqm whereas as per National Building Code it is 3.0 Sqm / per Person.

Hence, preparation and implementation of the Plan to increase Green Cover to 15% in next five years is very much essential to make Dum Dum environment friendly.

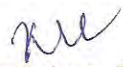
### **Action Plan to progressively increase Green Cover in Dum Dum Municipal Area to 15% in 5 years**

1. It has been decided to accord sanction of any housing project or industrial project keeping in view that a minimum of 15% tree cover to be kept. Participation from all stakeholders will be encouraged in creation and management of Urban Greens. For small residential project a minimum space of 4.0 Sqm should be provided for Trees Plantation.

This should be implemented at the time of Sanctioning of Building Plan from the Municipality.


2. The Municipality will identify all the unused land including drain side land and attempts to be made to convert the said land with green top like parks, gardens etc.

3. The Municipality will conduct survey to record the existing Greens/ trees. Local schools, NGOs etc. will be encouraged to carry out tree census in consultation with the forest Department under supervision of the Municipality. the Municipal Authority will preserve database, those collected from such census.

  
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4. The water misused in check valves in water distribution line at the time of high pressure shall be used in plantation.
5. In order to ensure support to Greenery, Municipality will take initiative for creation of sufficient Nurseries to provide good quality planting stock.
6. Municipality already takes initiatives for beautification work. Now, at the time of Plantation special emphasis will be taken to barricade the trees with durma fencing to protect them from cattle.
7. In course of execution of public developmental works we are sometimes compelled to uproot trees. Appropriate provision of land for compensatory plantation should be kept in the project design. Otherwise, Sanctions will not be accorded by the Municipality.
8. It is decided to maintain uniform spacing between two trees, as far as practicable, and the quantum of spacing shall be determined depending upon their species in consultation with Forest Department.
9. Municipality will encourage all stakeholders for Terrace Gardening for enhancing green covers.
10. It is decided that the open spaces of any Institution in Dum Dum should be planted by suitable species.
11. All the embankments of Lakes, ponds and canal in Dum Dum should be preserved and developed with Plantation.
12. Vertical Plantation with suitable species will be encouraged.
13. Attempts should be made to cover every building by tree line around it.
14. During plantation in the Parks existing patches of man-made forest should be preserved and enriched.
15. Municipality will monitor the cutting and felling of trees and stop cutting of trees immediately.

  
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