

FOREWORD

The City of Thane forms an important urban agglomeration of Maharashtra State. The productivity of urban areas largely depends upon the efficient urban land use and the efficiency of the urban infrastructure. For the sustained economic growth of the city, therefore efficient delivery of urban infrastructure services along with the expansion of services commensurate with the pace of urban population growth is of crucial importance. This has necessitated the Thane Municipal Corporation to undertake the preparation of VISION document for the city. The intent of vision for the city is to facilitate, promote the economic growth of the city with special emphasis on environment of the city. The Corporation has also focused on and aimed at improving the quality of life of the people, particularly the urban poor. Keeping a holistic approach the Corporation has tried to prepare a realistic action plan.

The Government of India has launch the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). Aim of the mission is to encourage reforms and fast track planned development of the cities. Hence, the Corporation has translated its action plan into business plan while formulating the city development plan. The overall process of formation of CDP for the city of Thane has been a comprehensive consultative program. TMC has adopted an analytical approach while formulating the CDP. The overall process has involved conceptualization, thorough consultation with the citizens and all the stake holders, implementation, monitoring and documentation.

The main thrust of the strategy of urban renewal is to ensure improvement in urban governance so that Urban Local Bodies become financially sound with enhanced credit rating and ability to access market capital for undertaking new programmes and expansion of services. To achieve this objective the Corporation is required to accept the implementation of an agenda of reforms.

The JNNURM guidelines have compelled the Corporation to focus on efficiency in urban infrastructure and service delivery mechanisms, community participation, and accountability. The financial assistance from Central as well as State Government under the JNNURM will help the Corporation keep its financial position intact and provide leverage to take up additional investments towards creating greater infrastructure which will ultimately accelerate eco-growth of the city in an equitable and sustainable manner.

Keeping in view the objective & strategy of the mission this instruction manual has been designed to facilitate the technical as well as the administrative officials to implement the projects as well as the reform agenda in an effective and disciplined manner.

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