

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15**

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## **1. Brief Introduction**

CCCKolkata continues its work on Kolkata City's Environmental Sustainability and Inclusive Development.

Since 2010 CCCKolkata is working on issues such as:

1. Conservation of Kolkata City's Urban Greens – specially the Urban City Parks
2. Enhancement of Urban Greens by planting trees and nurturing them to grow
3. Municipal Solid Waste Management
4. Climate Change Awareness amongst Youth and Communities
5. Skill Development and English Proficiency for Inclusive Growth and Development
6. Renewable Energy and Solar Roof Tops
7. CSR Advocacy and Consultancy

## 2. Institutional Challenges

There is so much to do and get done. Partnerships with Primary and Secondary Stakeholders are not difficult and can be secured, but funding for a traditionally non-conventional area such as firstly – Urban area, and secondly – Environment (as opposed to Education and Health) has made funding still elusive.

Securing Funding continues to be the biggest challenge faced by CCCkolkata.

## 3. Conservation of Kolkata City's Parks and Greens

CCCkolkata is working for the Conservation of Kolkata's Parks and Greens since 2010. While we are working with communities on one hand, there is constant interaction with the Government of West Bengal – Departments of Urban Development, PWD and Environment. There is also constant interaction with the Department of Parks and Gardens, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) who owns a large majority of these Parks.

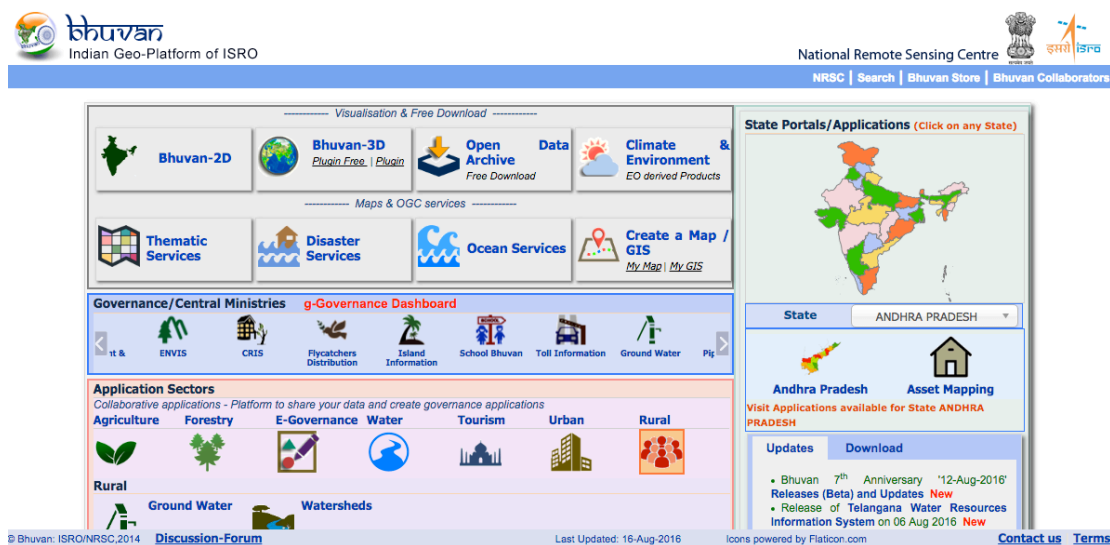
In November-December 2014 CCCkolkata updated its Database of Urban Parks.

CCCkolkata partnered with the Regional Remote Sensing Centre of ISRO, GOI, to conduct this Survey. RRSC-ISRO guided CCCkolkata to collect the GPS reading of each Park in a correct and accurate manner. Pictures were also taken of each of these Parks.

RRSC-ISRO will upload this on their Bhuvan Platform once the field survey is completed and the Data is organized.

Once uploaded this will serve the purpose of both Planning and also wider dissemination into the community.

[http://bhuvan.nrsc.gov.in/bhuvan\\_links.php](http://bhuvan.nrsc.gov.in/bhuvan_links.php)



#### **4. Municipal Solid Waste Management**

CCCKolkata has partnered with an NGO EKTARA ([www.ektara.co.in](http://www.ektara.co.in)) for its Environment and MSWM Project in Urban Slums. Ektara is an NGO run school in KMC Ward 58. There are 450 girls who are being given education from nursery to class 2 after which they are sent to other NGO / mainstream schools and provided tuition support. Ektara also provided women from this community Vocational Training.



The Project intends to work with EKTARA as a pilot Project to make it a “ZERO WASTE SCHOOL.” CCCKolkata is trying to make it a Circular Waste system whereby whatever waste is created gets consumed within. A major focus is on 3R’s. Depending upon this success CCCKolkata will extend this Project to cover the Government Sponsored Schools in the city of Kolkata and also to other NGO schools.

Intense workshops and activities are held with staff, teachers, children and management at Ektara. Blue and Green Bins have started to be installed.

#### **5. Skill Development**

In partnership with TCS (Tata Consultancy Services) CCCKolkata is set to start Teacher Empowerment Programme (TEP) and Adult Literacy Programme (ALP) in Ektara.

## **6. Planting of Trees**

CCCKolkata planted 2000 trees in Kolkata Maidan, which is also known as the Lungs of the City of Kolkata. It was created by the British almost 300 years back and there has never been any attempt to do any kind of scientific planting. CCCKolkata's Project was the first attempt at scientific tree planting at the Maidan and for replenishment of the lost trees.

This area is under the custodianship of the Bengal area, Government of India. They gave their permission to CCCKolkata to undertake this Plantation and participated at the time of the actual planting of the trees by planting a few trees themselves. They have assured CCCKolkata that they will protect the trees post-planting.

SIDDHA REALTY one of the leading builders of the city supported this initiative by granting CCCKolkata a sum of Rs. One Lac and also giving 1000 Tree Guards each costing Rs. 500.00, 2000 Tree saplings each of a minimum height of 5 to 6 feet and costing at least Rs. 200.00.

25 schools with their children participated in this Plantation. Close to 250 children came on this date and planted saplings and installed Tree Guards – one each per tree.

The KMC – Kolkata Municipal Corporation partnered with CCCKolkata – they gave 1000 tree guards for this Plantation.

Each tree was secured by a Tree Guard as this space is a Public Commons.



## **7. CSR Consultancy**

Mallika Jalan, Secretary of CCCKolkata has trained and secured the Certificate of CSR Professional from Indian Institute of Company Affairs (IICA) – GOI. With this added expertise to CCCKolkata the Governing Council at a meeting decided to add CSR CONSULTANCY as another Project and area of work in CCCKolkata.

## **8. Climate Change Awareness amongst Youth and Community**

CCCKolkata continued its work for creating greater awareness about Climate Change amongst the youth and the community of the city of Kolkata.

## **9. Institutional Growth**

CCCKolkata needs funds for its Institutional Growth. We have so far survived on Volunteering.