

Kolkata's Urban Greens Parks

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- The Bengal Government on Friday asked the real estate industry to bail it out of infrastructure commitments by constructing bridges, roads, hospitals and schools.
- **“Unless builders also construct roads and bridges to access the projects and social infrastructure like schools and hospitals, no one will buy houses.”** Industries Minister, Shri Partha Chatterjee

TIMES NEW NETWORK, Kolkata, Saturday, December 1, 2012

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“Dear Minister,

- **Unless** you see **PARKS** as Kolkata's essential urban infrastructure
- **Unless** you improve Kolkata's existing **PARKS**
- **Unless** you make Kolkata's **PARKS** clean, safe, open and green
- **Unless** you save the **PARKS** Kolkata has, and exponentially build new ones

NOBODY WILL BUY HOUSES.”

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711 KOLKATA PARKS as found in a simple Field Survey by CCC

– 2011-12

Estimates ARE – less than 4% of Kolkata is green

In comparison, the green cover in Delhi and Mumbai are much higher.

- While Delhi has a cover of 19.09%. There are more than 15000 parks and gardens in NCT spread in about 5000 ha.
- Mumbai is at around 18%
- The national average stands at 19.49%

-The National Commission on Urbanization

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CUSTODIANSHIP OF KOLKATA'S PARKS :

- **Kolkata Municipal Corporation**
- KMDA
- KIT
- Department of Urban Forestry, GOWB
- Ministry of Defence, GOI
- Others

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The Kolkata Municipal Corporation Act, 1980. (as amended upto date 2012)

Part IV, TOWN PLANNING, LAND AND LAND USE CONTROLS. Chapter XXI – Streets & Public Places

A. Public Streets, etc.

- 343 (1) All public streets, squares, parks and gardens in Calcutta including the soil, sub-soil, side-drain, footpaths, pavements, stones ***Shall vest in the Corporation.***
- 343 (5) The Corporation ***shall maintain a Register*** .. and include a list of all public streets, squares, parks and gardens vested in the Corporation.....”
- 344 (1) All public streets, squares, parks and gardens vested in the Corporation ***shall be under the control of the Municipal Commissioner*** and he shall cause the same to be maintained, controlled and regulated.....
- 352 The Municipal Commissioner ***may..... acquire any land required for the purpose of opening***, widening, extending or otherwise improving any public street, square, park or garden or of making a new one,
- 353 - The Municipal Commissioner may, with the previous sanction of the Mayor in Council, and subject to the approval of the State Government, ***permanently or temporarily close the whole or any part of a public street, park***, square or garden in the public interest.....

KMC has a Department called – PARKS & SQUARES.

Key Activity – looks after the matters related to the Parks and Squares in the city

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THIS IS WHERE IT
STOPS

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MADDOX SQUARE



DESHAPRIYA PARKI

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FD BLOCK, SALT LAKE



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MOHEMMADALI PARK



AND THIS IS NOT JUST PUJAS

THIS IS KOLKATA'S PARKS

AROUND THE YEAR

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KMC bans fairs in parks to save greenery

The Statesman, 25 November 2010

“Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) will not allow fairs to be held in its parks,” member, mayor-in-council (parks and garden), Mr Debasish Kumar, said today.

Mr Kumar said he contacted a senior officer of the Kolkata Police a few days ago to take action against some puja committees which destroyed the greenery of the parks by organising fairs during the festival but police did not take any legal action against them.

So the KMC has decided to stop the fairs permanently in its KMC parks.

And such fair grounds will be set up in all places including north, south, east and west Kolkata.

The KMC allowed only two organisations to hold fairs in two parks at Maddox Square and Park Circus. But the organisers have to sign an agreement with the KMC that they will not organise fairs on these grounds next year.

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