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<p>E – Newsletter of Machilipatnam Municipality – January 2017</p> <p>VOLUME II ISSUE I</p>		
<p>Municipal Chairperson: <u>Sri M V Baba Prasad</u></p>	<p>Location: coordinates – 16.17°N, 81.13°E, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.</p> <p>Historic Importance: Chief port town of the Medieval Golkonda kingdom.</p>	
<p>Municipal Commissioner: <u>Sri M Jaswantha Rao</u></p>	<p>Famous in : Kalamkari Printing Industry</p> <p>Evolution of Municipality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The town first constituted into a Municipality (2nd Municipality in India) – 1866.• Constituted into a special grade Municipality – 1980.	

EDITOR'S NOTE

I aspire to state that Machilipatnam town was a special grade municipality with a population of 1,75,495 that spread around an area of 26.67 sq.km. It is one of the oldest towns on the Eastern coast of the country even in the early Historic period. The Britishers established one of their earliest factories here.

E – Newsletter furnishes the detail overview of activities taken up by the municipality in the month of July, 2016. Special initiatives taken up in this month include digitization of Birth & Death certificates for one lakh persons as a part of e-office initiative, dealing with the issues of Vijayawada – Machilipatnam expansion work. Support has been provided to Quality Council of India (QCI) that has visited Machilipatnam to inspect the cleanliness of the town so as to rank it among 434 cities participating in Swachh Survekshan 2017 ranking.

Thanking you, looking forward for enhancement.


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DIGITIZATION OF BIRTH, DEATH CERTIFICATES BEGINS AT MACHILIPATNAM MUNICIPALITY

The municipal authorities have begun digitization of nearly one lakh birth and death certificates. A technical team comprising at least a dozen people is engaged in the digitization of the birth and death certificates starting from early 2000 as part of the e-office initiative. The Machilipatnam municipal authorities claim that the digital mode offers better protection to documents.

“We have begun the digitization task on December 26. Birth certificates from the year 2013 are being digitized. We have adopted a two-step method through which the municipal authorities will have to scrutinize each certificate before digitization,” said digitization project co-coordinator Ch. Suresh Babu.

A special cell has been set up on the municipal office premises for the purpose. At least 10,000 certificates have been digitized and the remaining documents are likely to be converted into electronic format by February. Krishna district Collector Babu .A has intensified digitization of all the administrative and other office documents to simplify the administration process. In April last year, Mr. Babu initiated digitization of documents and records dating back to 1860, 1894, 1920, 1964 and 1980.

HIGHWAY EXPANSION WORK AT A RAPID PACE

The expansion work of the Vijayawada-Machilipatnam highway is going on at a brisk pace and the majority of the trees on either side of the road have been removed. Expansion of the road that stretches up to a length of 64.61 km between Vijayawada and Machilipatnam (NH 9) began in November 2016 and the work was taken up by Dilip Buildcon Ltd.



Trunks of huge trees that were removed for road-widening, being loaded into a truck on Vijayawada - Machilipatnam highway.

As part of the initial phase, several trees alongside the road stretch were hacked down after acquiring required land. Also, electric poles, minor bridges and culverts were removed to pave the way for the expansion. The district administration wanted the works to be completed as early as possible. RITES is the supervision consultant of the project. According to the National Highway Authority of India, the project worth Rs. 1,134.7 crore is anticipated to be completed by November 2018.

Completion of the project would not only reduce the time of journey between Vijayawada and Machilipatnam but also provides an easy way for the people of the city to visit Manginapudi beach, which is proposed to be developed into a tourist destination by the government in the coming years. Also, it will serve the heavy vehicular traffic once the Machilipatnam port starts functioning.

QCI VISIT TO MACHILIPATNAM

Swachh Survekshan 2017 is a National Ranking of 434 cities on Urban Sanitation conducted by Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD), Government of India. Quality Council of India, an autonomous government body has been mandated by MoUD to conduct this survey.

Cities are ranked based on their performance in three parts, they include:

- Part 1 - Data provided by Municipal Body – 900 marks
- Part 2 - Data Collection through direct observations and independent assessment.– 500 marks
- Part 3 - Collection of Direct Citizen Feedback– 600 marks

Areas of Evaluation include

- Municipal Solid Waste - Waste collection, Sweeping and Transportation
- Municipal Solid Waste - Processing and Disposal
- ODF / Toilets
- Information, Education and Behaviour Change

- Capacity Building-SBM eLearning portal

In the process of Swachh Survekshan 2017, the third party Quality Council of India (QCI) visited Machilipatnam to inspect the Municipal areas. QCI team undertook field visits and collected documents on various subjects so as to rank the area among 434 cities.

*The above development activities have undergone for the month of January 2017 in
Machilipatnam Municipality of Krishna District.*

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