

# Role of Civil Society in Sanitation Improvement

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# Civil Society

- **Civil society** is composed of the totality of voluntary civic and social organizations and institutions that form the basis of a functioning society, as distinct from the force-backed structures of a state (regardless of that state's political system) and commercial institutions of the market.



# Examples of civil society institutions

- Activist groups
- Charities
- Civic groups / Cooperatives
- Clubs (sports, social, etc.)
- Foundations/ Trusts
- Non Government Organizations (NGOs)
- Non Profit organizations (NPOs)
- Private voluntary organizations (PVOs)
- Professional associations
- Religious organizations
- Trade Unions

# Sanitation

SANITATION IS THE  
HYGENIC MEANS TO  
ACHIEVE HEALTH  
THROUGH PREVENTION OF  
HUMAN CONTACT WITH  
HAZARDS OF WASTE

# Causes/Effects

- Unplanned settlement of poverty stricken urban masses.
- Age old habits and lack of adequate facility.
- Defecation and urination in open space.
- sewer connected to open drains or discharged in a water body i.e. river, lake, pond, canal, open fields, etc.
- Sewer over flow due to clogging of the system.
- Drains over flowing.
- Domestic and foraging animals defecation on roads etc.

**Effect-** plethora of diseases, sufferings and death.

Poor Getting poorer

# A Working Model

I am happy to present a working model of “Role of Civil Society in Sanitation Improvement”.

Our Model “Parivartan” in Kanpur is based on

**Be Together**

**Think Together**

**Plan Together**

**Act Together**

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- We started a very modest exercise of door-to-door garbage collection in Swaroop Nagar, one of the posh areas in the city, in May 2008. Before we knew it, a multitude of civic problems were attracting our attention – garbage scattered all around, overflowing sewage, choked drains, manholes with no covers, no street lights, broken roads, frequent (both scheduled and sudden) power cuts, encroached roads and footpaths, traffic congestions.....

The list is endless.

# Why Parivartan?

- Because Kanpur, once an important hub of commercial and industrial activities of the country, has been losing its importance for the last 4 decades.
- Imagine a city of more than four million people having none of the infrastructure facilities worthy of a modern urban center. Dusty congested roads with no drains or pavements; very erratic and inadequate power supply; polluted atmosphere and dying industries describe this city which earned the disrepute of being one of the dirtiest and most polluted cities of the world.
- The irony is that there still does not exist any political will or vision to improve this city – neither at the state level nor at the center.

- However, the biggest problem we found was the cynicism that prevailed amongst a large number of our citizens.
- They were convinced that no improvement can be made. And, anything that we were suggesting to do was simply an exercise in futility.



- So, where do we start?
- Who do we seek support from?
- How do we move forward?

We made two commitments:

- We will only think positive and will not accept “no” for an answer.
- We knew that we were to embark on an unchartered territory. We had no experience. Hence, we decided that we will not make huge targets. The philosophy is – “Even if we are able to make a small change in the right direction, we are doing fine.”

And, **PARIVARTAN** was born.

# What is Parivartan?

- PARIVARTAN is an Initiative of informed and concerned citizens of Kanpur who believe in working together towards making continuous holistic improvements in their city.

# Mission and Objectives

- To provide a platform to likeminded citizens of Kanpur to share and discuss their ideas; identify the problems of the city and search for possible solutions.
- To seek people's participation and cooperation in implementing **sustainable** solutions for a clean, green and civic Kanpur.
- To act as a catalyst and a bridge to enhance coordination and cooperation amongst different organs of our society – government/administrative bodies, public representatives (MP's, MLA's and Corporators), media, and citizens.
- To develop a sense of belongingness towards the city; motivate citizens to take ownership of the city and feel proud of being a "Kanpurite".

**And, I am glad to advise you  
that:**

- Today we carry out door-to-door garbage collection in 7 municipal wards covering more than 1,60,000 people. And, we will not stop till the entire city is covered.

# Door-To-Door Garbage Collection

- Let me show you some pictures of how our wards looked before .....



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- And, this is how these wards look now.....





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## Kanpur Parivartan Forum

- We have formed our citizen's forum called "Kanpur Parivartan Forum"; and we meet regularly – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. In our Forum meetings, we discuss and look for solutions to our civic problems. We also invite our elected representatives and administrative authorities to these meetings for interaction and support.

# Broad Based Participation.

- Kanpur Parivartan Forum is a registered trust now. And, Income Tax exemption under Section 80G has been applied for.
- Your Forum believes in active participation by all citizens. KPF Chapters are being formed in all 110 wards of the city.
- And, these chapters induct KPF members to ensure wide spread participation by citizens. To become a KPF Member, there are two options for membership:
  - Rs. 500/- per year for Annual Membership; or,
  - Rs. 5,100/- for Lifetime Membership
- These ward level chapters meet frequently and decide activities and/or projects for their wards. 80% of their membership amount is spent for projects in their ward.





# Parivartan Events

- Kanpur Parivartan Forum also organizes events for awareness and to reach out to all citizens of Kanpur.
- Some of the events we have organized are:
  - Kanpur First – Bringing representatives of all political parties, administration, media, different institutions and people at large on one platform.
  - JNNURM For Kanpur – An Overview
  - Debate – MP Candidates from Kanpur
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Gandhi and Kanpur
  - Kanpur Walkathon





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# Green Kanpur

## Parks and Roadside Plantation

- We are in touch with Nagar Nigam, KDA and Forrest Dep't to be able to plant as many trees as possible.
- Last year we planted 200 trees. As always, our stress is on sustenance. It is more important to ensure that the trees that we plant, stay alive.
- For that, our KPF chapter coordinators make arrangements with residents of the lane where the saplings are planted, to ensure that they take responsibility for future safeguarding of these trees.
- Our KPF chapters also adopt all parks in their respective wards; and, ensure that these parks continue to stay maintained and GREEN.









# Improving our Sewage and Drains

- This is definitely our second biggest problem after solid waste management.
- Our gulley pits, drains and sewer lines are choked, broken or simply not connected.
- Once again, poor coordination between:
  - Nagar Nigam and Jal Sansthan; and,
  - Jal Sansthan and Jal Nigam.
- According to one estimate, close to 100 km long sewer lines in our city are lying inoperative

# Improving our Sewage and Drains

- We feel that our stress must first be on making all our drains and sewer lines operative, not necessarily building new lines.
- We try to coordinate efforts between Nagar Nigam, Jal Sansthan, and Jal Nigam.
- In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, we took two projects:
  - Sewer line under VIP Road from Sarsaiya Ghat to Parmat.
  - Sewer line From J.K.Temple to Shastri Nagar Post Office.
- We are doing regular follow-up with Jal Sansthan and Jal Nigam authorities. However, these projects are still incomplete due to their other preoccupations.
- In the next phase, we plan to focus on sewer line from Nawab Ganj Sabzi Mandi to Mauni Ghat. The line is choked and inoperative. We feel, it must be cleaned up.

# Improving Traffic on our Roads

- This is definitely a major task that must be taken up with utmost sense of urgency. In today's world, Time is Money. In all modern metro cities, smooth traffic movement is the key to it's growth and progress.
- We need full commitment of Nagar Nigam's Traffic Dep't and SP Traffic & help and guidance from traffic experts. Fortunately we have Prof. Partha Chakraborty at IIT Kanpur who is a world renowned authority in the field of urban traffic management. And, he is willing to help.
- KPF tries to coordinate the efforts. However, we cannot make real progress unless the administration makes it a priority and makes available all resources needed to get the job done.

# Improving Traffic on Our Roads

- Also, we need to make major investments on our roads and over-bridges to improve flow of traffic on our roads. This is a long term project.
- Money is available under JNNURM. However, before our DPR's are approved, we need to make and get approved our City Mobility Plan. Not an easy thing!
- KPF is trying to coordinate efforts between different departments such as Kanpur Nagar Nigam, KDA and the state government. So far, we have had limited success.
- In the mean while, we have taken up shorter term projects such as redesigning Vijay Nagar and Jareeb Chowki crossings to make them free from congestion.



# Improving Power Supply in the city

- This is definitely the biggest impediment in our progress.
- We cannot even dream of attracting fresh investment in our city unless we make quantum improvement in this area.
- We are hopeful that things will improve once KESCO is handed over to Torrent Power. Their VP Mr. A.N.Singh addressed our KPF members in one of the meetings.
- We urge the administration to speed up the transfer.
- We, the citizens of Kanpur, on our part, stay committed to help in every possible manner to improve the power supply in our city.

# Improving our Kanpur Central

- The first impression any visitor gets about our city is by looking at the train station when he/she arrives. Clearly, we need to improve our Kanpur Central. And, we are doing that.
- Our Parivartan team removed 630 rickshaw trolleys full of garbage from our platforms and tracks during a 15-days long cleanliness drive that we undertook in the month of June.
- Subsequently, we placed 200 garbage bins spread all over the station and have motivated all vendors and station employees to make full use of the same.
- These garbage bins are being emptied by our 2 rickshaw trolleys every day on a regular basis.
- And, we are in regular touch with the railway authorities to further improve the station.







# Reducing Pollution in the city

- This is long battle and needs ongoing efforts. KPF is committed and will help in every possible manner.
- The administration needs to make a start. We have some suggestions:
  - Regulations for use of horns (especially power horns), loud speakers etc. to reduce noise pollution.
  - Strict enforcement against burning of Garbage on the streets.
  - Speedy Resettlement of chattas outside the city as planned.
  - Strict vigil on polluting industries.
  - Ban on use of plastic bags.
  - To reduce dust pollution, paving the footpaths.
  - Making sure biomedical waste is disposed off as per regulations.



# Dharohar – Our Heritage/Culture Wing

- Our cultural wing “Dharohar” works towards inculcating a sense of pride and belongingness amongst our citizens; rediscover and preserve the heritage of this city; as well as attempts to reconstruct our almost dying ‘art and culture’ scenario in Kanpur. It also interacts with our schools to make our children proud and aware of our culture and heritage.

# Revival of Culture and Heritage

- We organized a national seminar on Nautanki – a heritage performing art that originated from Kanpur. It was followed by a live Nautanki performance by the original “The Great Gulab Theatrical Company”.
- We are making efforts so that local theatre in the city survives.
- There are plans to organize a film festival in the city later this year.
- And, we hold regular interactive sessions with students of different schools in the city on different subjects. It is a joy to interact with our school children.





# Nautanki

*The Great heritage of Kanpur*



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# Nautanki

*The Great heritage of Kanpur*

Fusing Dance & Dialogue, music and romance, humor and melodrama, the **Nautanki**, is a travelling folk theatre which continued to inflame the imagination and emotions of a multitude till the decade of 60's. It was a drama larger than life, glamour, giltz and fantasy - the precursor to Bollywood extravaganza.

**Nautanki** has recently been declared "**World Heritage Art Form**" by UNESCO. Kanpur can claim a place of honour as Nautanki not only got its name in Kanpur but also its greatest exponent **Late Gulab Bai** belonged to this city. She provided this performing folk art operic forms, acting styles, classical music and aesthetic flavor, transforming an immensely popular earthy genre into a hugely successful commercial venture with the formation of her own "**The Great Gulab Theatrical Co.**" in 1944.

Gulab Bai went on to acquire an iconic reputation. She became the "**Queen of Nautanki**" and a subject of academic discussions and researches in India and abroad. She was honoured with the "**Padmashree**" in 1993 by the **Govt. of India**.

Today this great cultural heritage of Kanpur stands forgotten; the art is languishing and its proponents, including the great Gulab Bai, forgotten. We make an attempt this day to restore and promote Nautanki as one of the identities of heritage of Kanpur.

This humble begining is being made today with the presentation of one of the successful **Nautanki's** of **Late Gulab Bai**, "**Dahiwali**" by the same legendary **The Great Gulab Theatrical Co.** now run by her daughters **Madhu** and **Asha**. The theme centres around a social issue of family bondings going astray due to wayward conduct of a husband and his wife's attempt to bring him back to the family fold.

Enjoy this nostalgic experience in a most traditional way.



# Refurbishing Gandhi Bhawan

- Gandhi Bhawan (Earlier known as K.E.M. Hall) in Phool Bagh, during British Times, was used as a ball room and leisure club.
- Truly a heritage building, situated in the heart of the city, is suffering due to total neglect.
- Currently, it houses an Auditorium, a Museum and the city library.
- We plan to refurbish this heritage building.

# India Meets Bharat

- One beautiful thing that came our way as part of our initiative, is the opportunity that we got to connect with, and understand the weaker sections of our society.
- Our cities are jigsaw puzzles of hundreds of pieces of Bharat and India. Each piece neither understands nor endeavors to understand the challenges of surrounding pieces. The boundaries of these pieces are becoming deeper and deeper with every passing day. And, the bridges connecting these pieces are few and far, in between. KPF tries to build such bridges.
- We organized a song and dance talent show of children of the Khalasi Line Area (a low socio-economic community) at the neighboring Allenhouse School. The reward of watching these young children running to swings in the play field of Allen house, while they came for practice sessions, cannot be described in words. And, the joy of finding young talent is simply overwhelming.



# India Meets Bharat

- This experiment opened up a lot of possibilities: KPF opened a community center in Khalasi Line, and is managing a library for the children of that area. Principal of Allen House offered her school premises and resources for running an evening school for the underprivileged children. Their management also promised to adopt 5 talented children from that group to include in their regular school, free of cost. A group of ladies has agreed to volunteer for teaching in this evening school.
- KPF plans to open and run a vocational training center for the unemployed youth in that area.
- Once this model is fully operational, we will motivate other schools in the city to adopt neighboring slum areas.

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## We Care.

- Our rickshaw pullers come from very poor backgrounds.
- They make their living and support their families by carrying our garbage.
- We are not yet able to pay them handsome salaries.
- We try to make up with other possible ways.

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# Vision Kanpur - 2020

- We have outsourced the work of preparing a comprehensive document:  
    Vision Kanpur – 2020
- We feel this document will be our road map that can be used by different agencies to focus on the development of infrastructure, policies and programs, strengthening of institutions, to systematically think of City's future and to determine how it proposes to shape its future. And, finally to develop a perspective and vision for the future development for Kanpur.
- We need to evolve strategies for growth to cater to needs of the growing population of the city.

# Kanpur – The New IT/ITeS Destination

- TiE UP in association with Merchant's Chamber of UP and IIT Kanpur organized a panel discussion to explore possibilities to develop Kanpur as an IT destination.
- We are working as a bridge between leading IT companies and the state government.
- Location for the proposed Kanpur IT park has been identified. And, a proposal for the state government is in final stages of completion. It will be submitted next week.
- We hope to generate 25,000 jobs for IT/ITES professionals in the city over the next 6 to 8 years.



# Kanpur Angel Fund

- Being a hub for traditional manufacturing and trading enterprises, young budding entrepreneurs in Kanpur do not have access to angel funding in the city.
- There are investors in the city who are capable of investing in new ventures.
- Once again, playing a role as a bridge between them, we propose to create Kanpur Angel Fund.
- We will bring investors and entrepreneurs together to make it happen.
- Dozens of new knowledge based ventures incubate at SIIC at IIT K and move to other cities in absence of such angel funding available in the city.

# Reaching Out to All Kanpur Lovers

- Through our Parivartan Website:  
[www.parivartankanpur.org](http://www.parivartankanpur.org)
- Through our e-group “Friends of Kanpur” we send e-mails and stay connected with our friends.
- There are KPF Groups on Linked-In and Facebook.



# This is Parivartan.

- The Result of Positive Thinking.
- Believing in Ourselves.
- And, doing it together.

# Parivartan Today

- Our elected representatives now recognize our initiative; and promise to take things forward.
- Administrative officials listen to us.
- Media (both print and electronic) gives us full cooperation and coverage.
- And, to top it all, people have started believing in themselves; and we have earned respect and trust of our denizens.

And, the journey

continues





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