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Solapur situated in 17° 40' north latitude and 75° 46' east longitude. Solapur city is the head-quarters of the district bearing the same name and is a railway station on the broadgauge: line of the South Central Railway, 165 miles to the south-east of Pune and 283 miles to the south-east of Bombay. The derivation of the name solapuris attributed to the fact that the former was composed of sixteen villages known as Adilpur, Chapaldev, Fathhpur, Jamdarwadi, Kalajpur, Khadarpur, Khanderavkiwadi, Muhammadpur, Ranapur, Sandalapur, Shaikpur, Sonalgi, Sonapur and Vaidkawadi. However this derivation appears to be fallacious in view of the name Solapur being among the list? of sixteen villages given. Recent research however shows that the name Solapur is derived from Sonalpur and not from the congregation of sixteen villages. The city is spread over an area of 8.6: square miles and has population of 3,98,361 souls as the census of 1971. They are under the jurisdiction of the Solapur Muncipal Corporation is 30 square kilometers.

The city lies about 1800 feet above sea level on the water shed of Adila, a feeder of the Sina which it joins at Nandur about eight miles to the south-west of the city. The city stands in the centre of large plain, the nearest hill called

Daval Malik being eight miles to the east while on the north at a distance of twelve miles rises Savargaon Dongar and about ten miles further north-west is the Ekruk tank, or as it is generally called the Hipparga lake and to the north about half a mile on: Tuljapur road, is the old Solapur water-works engine house and about yards further north runs the Selgi Stream from east to west.

The rock on which the city is built is a hard murum almost approaching trap. Except to the north and the east where there is some rich cotton soil, the rock in places near the surface is barely covered by soil. In the rains the surroundings of the city are green and pleasant whereas at other times the city gives bare and uninteresting appearance.

SOLAPUR MUNCIFAL CORPORATION

The East India Company has started its business mainly in port areas like as Mumbai, Calcutta, Madras. The pre-independence period was identified by the rule of British Government after the winding of East India Company. British Government started to develop the small towns in Maharashtra for business purpose. The result of this British Policy they started to develop the small towns with the help of Social Workers. Finally the

achievement is that they planned and formed the Muncipalties. As per this decision many Muncipalties were established on was that of Solapur. At the time of Municipalties the total population of Solapur was 30,000 having only three wells for water supply which was sufficient. There was no hard transport system and there were no entertainment facilities.

The Solapur was included into the Poona Collectorate in the year 1818. The Solapur municipality came into being in August 1852. At that time the members were appointed by the Collector. There were only 27 members of the municipality. During the time of Municipality no building of its own. In 1909 the first President of Solapur Municipality was elected by the public. His name was Shri. Ganesh Krishan Sathe.

In this period the population of Solapur increased by 20,000 and in all 20474 people were eligible of vote from this election onwards Municipality become purely democratic. In 1946 the proposal was made about the demand of the corporation. This was placed in meeting and it was approved by all the 52 councillors of the Municipality.

In the year 1963 the president Shri. E.T. Mane had decided about the conversion of Municipal Council in to the Muncipal Corporation. An in response he got a proposal of Maharashtra Sovernment about the conversion of municipality into

corporation and Solapur Muncipal Corporation was inaugurated on 1st May 1964. The last president of Solapur Municipality Shri. Parimal Joshi has become the first Mayor of Corporation. He expanded area and included new area within its earlier premises.

FUNCTIONS OF CORPORATION

The Solapur Muncipal Corporation works on the following lines for the welfare of the people and provided them some facilities which are as follows:-

- 1. Education
- 2. City Bus Service/Transport
- 3. Water Supply
- 4. Drainage System
- 5. Garden, Park & Market
- 6. Health Facilities
- 7. Other Activities
 - a) Fire Bridgade Service
 - b) Treatment Plant Degaon area
 - c) Education for fourth Class Servants
 - d) Three Co-operative Societies
 - i) Credit Co-operative Society for Class-III
 - ii) Co-operative Society for Class-IV
 - iii) Co-operative Credit Society for Teachers

Solapur Corporation is one of the impotant organisation (because of its democratic pattern). If we observe this corporation keenly we may say that there is great work load on corporation.

Every Department under the Head of the department and it is responsible in case of emergency.

Corporation has its own department for the distribution of work. All departments are mainly related for improving the capacity of workers who are working in it. Every small department is working under the Head of Department and he is person responsible for the given work load, so that every head of the department responsibility has specific.

In the department of income and expenditure accounts of corporation are kept the main function of this department and office staff is to pay the various offices and staff members. They make the payment of bills or pay-sheet and distribute at all offices.

The main source of income is Octroi & takes received from the people. Corporation get much revenue in the form of octroi. There are two important national highway running from the city i.e. National Highway No. 9 and 13. The highway no. is connected to two cities from Mumbai to Hyderabad. The highway No. 13 connected the two cities Pune and Bijapur. On these two highways

Pune, Hyderbad, Bijapur Octroi Nakas are there which gives more octroi to the corporation.

The other source of income is tax. The corporation charges taxes on the public, shopkeepers to whom the corporation provides the facilities. To carry out these work various staff has been appointed by the corporation.

The third source of income to the corporation is city bus service. The corporation is getting more of its earning from the City Bus Service.

The functioning of the Corporation is undertaken by the different committees namely:

- 1. Standing Committee
- 2. Establishment Committee
- 3. Transport Committee
- 4. Law Committee
- 5. City Development Committee
- 6. Labour and Social Welfare Committee
- 7. Market and Garden Committee
- B. Medical Aid & Health Committee '

Every Committee has total nine members out of the nine one is the Chairman of the committee and the others are working members. The committee functions under the supervision of Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE

Standing Committee is the most important committee of the Corporation. The main function of the standing committee is that to prepare budget of the corporation. To make policies for the corporation, employees and general people. The committee gives sanction for the any type of expenses of the corporation.

ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

The Establishment Committee is also known as execution committee. Any policy matters will be executed by the corporation. So the most important task of the committee is to execute the work. Other more important work is also carried by the committee.

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The most important function of this committee is to provide the City Bus Service to the civilians more efficiently.

There 82 buses running in around the city to provide the transport facility to the public. The facility provided by the Solapur Muncipal Corporation by the way of transport is one of the best facilities provided the corporations in Maharashtra.

LAW COMMITTEE

Law Committee is one of the most important committees of the corporation. The basic function of this committee to make laws and bylaws for the development of city. The corporations functions on laws made by the Law Committee.

PLANNING & CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The function of this committee is to plan for the development of the city. The development is made for the betterness of the civilians.

LABOUR & SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

The committee acts for the progress & development of Labour and Social Welfare. Many schemes introduced by the Central & State Government were executed by this committee for the betterment of Labour & Society. So this committee has got more importance in the view of public.

MARKET & GARDEN COMMITTEE

The Market and Garden Committee is known as one of the best committees among the various committees of the corporation.

The main function of this committee is to construct Market and Garden facilities for the civilians. Where Market and Garden

facilities are provided by the corporation are good the health of the civilians will remains good.

MEDICAL AID & HEALTH COMMITTEE

The main activity of the corporation is to provide basic facilities like Water, Light, Sanitary and Lavatory on which the health of civilians is totally depends. So the functions carried out by the Health Committee has got more importance in the view of corporation & civilians. The committee acts for the basic facilities and good medical aid for the general public.

To carry out the works of these committees corporation have created many posts.

LEGAL ADVISER

It is the duty of this department to give legal advise to each and every department for its development and growth. Advise regarding rules and regulations of the corporation and the new rules if framed by the Government. There is one Legal Adviser and separate staff for running their department and conducting its function.

LABOUR OFFICER

Factories Act 1948 was enforced by the Central Government on 28th September, 1948 and according to that act every organisation which is having more than 50 employees should have a Labour Officer.

The duties of the Labour Officer is to keep harmonious relation between worker and management and various authorities of corporation. This duty is defined by the factory act 1948. No welfare officer should be discharged, dismissed or punished without the previous approval of the Commissioner. Corporation has give two departments under the labour officer. The corporation has various labour welfare activities.

- 1) Co-operative society of worker.
- 2) Grocery shop.
- 3) E.S.I. Scheme.
- 4) Social security measures such as Pension, gratuity.

LAND ESTATE OFFICER

In this office old record of land owners are kept. They have taken survey of city and of people having number of plots and name of plot owners. If any person wishes to built a building, they have to take a written permission form this department and officer concerned. The department is responsible

for safety of buildings. They take immediate action to dismantle of any buildings dangerous to occupants and pedes mass.

CHIEF MARKET SUPERINTENDENT

The superintendent is responsible for all types of marketing and all shop administration. His duty is to see that the working of the shops. When any body wants to open or set up a shop they have to take prior permission from this department, and have to obtain a certificate from this department to that extent. The permission chief marketing superintendent is required.

INTERNAL AUDITOR

All accounts are checked by this department the chief auditor who is appointed by the corporation is known as Internal Auditor. This type of audit is down periodically i.e. weekly, monthly, quarterly.

If there auditors want legal change in any department account they make and observe if it is proper or not. These accounts are always checked by the State Government according to their requirement and auditing department.

CITY ENGINEERS OFFICE

Under this department Assistant Engineers office is working who deals with construction and reconstruction of road, food paths, welfare centres, office building and public latrines and urinals. Permission office is also under this department. The plans should be submitted for building and then only permission is granted after completing check out the work and give approval to the owner.

Third important department is known is planning department. The preparation of the master plans roads, houses. So as to keep the beauty of the city other nominal departments also work under this construction officers, garden officer etc.

There are 3100 daily wages employees and 230 Garden Section Workers out of which 70 are permanent employees are working in this department.

TRANSPORT UNDERTAKING

Transport manager is the head of the city bus service workshop and the workers who are working in this department are transport worker. The managers working under the Commissioner. The transport manager looks after the traffic branch and subtraffic branch and also pre-requisites of local transport of bus facilities.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The health department of Solapur Municipal Corporation consist of the following department and the functions of these respective department is shown independently.

MAIN OFFICE OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Appointments, transfers, sanctions of leave in respect of Class IVth servants and departmental action etc. are dealt by this department. Timely payment of provident fund and gratuity to the retiring servants is also one of the activities.

SANITATION DIVISION .

There are in all 20 sub-divisions is working for city area in proportion to the population and two meant for sixty six newly included inhabitation which all these sub-divisions in charge of the independent Sanitary Inspector, who is assisted by one ward clerk. Under these wards 411 Sweepers, 360 Scavengers, 270 Garbage/Drainage workers and 66 Jamadars are working. Besides this 750 Sweepers, 305 Scavengers and 700 Garbage/Drainage workers are working as Badali Kamgar.

The duties entrusted to the Sanitary Inspector are getting the work of cleaning the roads, public places and drain-ages etc.

Taking 'action against the complaints made by people maintaining over all cleanliness from health point of view is detected and report about the houses carried out without licence the construction work under taken without proper permission.

To furnish defects about structures to be demolished, recover general fees and give it to the concerned authorities. Besides these duties he has to watch whether the licence holders fulfill and act according to the term and conditions laid down in the licence.

To carry out inspection of restaurants to keep supervision over the sanitary inspection. The area is divided in to four section and one chief sanitary inspector is kept in charge of each section facilities. The Sanitary Inspector taking the complaints of the public and suitable and timely action is taken to solve the problems of civilians.LICENCE DIVISION:

FOOD ADULTERATION

The licence is issued to the business men who are selling the food in accordance with the adulteration act. The adulteration act require the renewal of licence, to start is file against these without licence, to issue no objection certificates etc.

INSECTICIDE SPRAY SECTION

From this section necessary preventive (e.g. D.D.T.) were supplied on the receipts of the citizen application. The insecticide spraying programme is carried out free of charge. For this purpose there is special health inspector appointed on four staff members working under him. Also the larva controller scheme is sponsored by this department. Similarly gamazin powder, is supplied, Borek spray powder for the private and public (wells). mosque controlled is implemented. In Corporation area and other location where the drainage system is open. For this purpose a Special Health Inspector is appointed, alongwith subordinate staff.

WASTE & COMPOST TRANSPORT SECTION

From the different part of the city the waste material and compost is collected at the particular places daily. For carrying and collecting the compost each sanitation division has a separate lorry with one driver and three servants they can collect compost in two trips. If essential they are given extra lorry or two more servants on the same lorry.

There is one Supervisor for the supervising work and under his supervision 210 workers are working.

DEPOT SECTION

The collected waste material and compost is transported to the compost centre on Tuljapur road & Bogaon road depot. There are 19 workers, One Clerk and 5 Peons. They destroy all waste compost with the scientific methods. All this work is done under supervision.

HOSPITAL & MATERNITY HOMES

Solapur Muncipal Corporation admisters 8 Maternity Homes, 18 Clinics to provide the health facilities the civilians. Though all the dispensaries, hospital and maternity homes they give treatment in minimum charges.

Besides these in the city hospital there are different consulting centres and various specialist work and guide the public on very less fees. In this City dispensary there is X-ray sections, they undertake screening and draw photos.

Apart from this Solapur Muncipal Corporation has run a Infection Diseases Hospital, where treatment is given free of charge.

Solapur Muncipal Corporation has ambulance service which is kept ready for emergency service for the civilians. This facility can be availed by rural area public to take the patient from the city to their village.

There is another ambulance for carrying the dead bodies, also serve the public on nominal rate this is kept under the fire bridge department.

FAMILY WELFARE SECTION

Under the control of Solapur Muncipal Corporation there is one family welfare bureau. Though the section collects the information of the families and sent it to the Government of Maharashtra for the investment for this work. They make bills and demand from the Government.

The department works for the Family Planning Programme.

Camps are being arranged for wide publicity and to understand the importance of family planning.

The Central Government introduced a scheme known as "Health for everybody upto 2000" on purely 100% subsidy. The executions of this scheme has been undertaken by the corporation on priority basis.

There are 3 Family Welfare centres run by the corporation. 6 Civilians Health Centres were also run by the corporation. Apart from this 7 Family Planning Centres also run by the Solepur Muncipal Corporation.

LABORATORY

In the Laboratory Section they test the drinking water and residuals etc. They also check the Water sample of the private wells and tube wells. For this work the persons are appointed on permanent basis.

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

Education is a prime facility provided by Solapur Muncipal Corporation to become literate for the people who can not afford costly education now a days. For this purpose Solapur Muncipal Corporation has established Primary School Board.

The School consists of 12 Members out of which one is selected Chairman by the members. One Deputy Chairman is also selected by the members to run the Board. One Female Member is also represent the Board. One Deputy Education Officer from the State Government is also appointed as Government Representative. The Deputy Education Officer will act as Administrative Officer of the Primary School Board.

The basic function of the Board to run primary schools in the city to get education for the economically backward class.

The second function is that the schools are opened in the slum area or Zopadpatti area to provide education facilities to the slum area pupils.

The Corporation has a overall control on the Primary Schools around the city.

There are 65 Primary Schools run by the Corporation out of which 39 are in Marathi, 12 are in Urdu, 10 in Kannada and 4 in Telgu medium for the Boys.

There 30 primary schools were also run by the Corporation for Girls out of which 21 are in Marathi, 7 in Urdu, 2 in Kannada medium.

Three Highschools were also run by the Solapur Muncipal Corporation for the betterment of pupils.

Apart from this 114 Marathi Aid Schools were run the Solapur Muncipal Corporation for Boys.

Apart from this some other facilities are provided by the corporation these are as follows:

DRAMA TALKIES

Solapur Muncipal Corporation has constructed one drama talkies known as "Hutatma Smruti Mandir" in centrally located place. The capacity of the theater is 1033 seats which also can be used by the people on mere rent for cultural programmes.

SHUBHRAI ART GALLARY

The Solapur City is having a Art Gallery for demonstration purpose or cultural activities. The gallery can be hired for sammelan also. The rent charged by the corporation is mere. It is also centrally located i.e. annex to the corporation premises.

OTHER DETAILS

The Solapur Muncipal Corporation has also provided the following facilities to the civilians.

- 1. Solapur Muncipal Corporation has also run 57 Social Cultural Centres out of which 23 centres have been provided the T.V. Sets.
- There are 5 Libraries run by the Corporation for the development of students and general public.
- J. 25 Tailoring Classes around the city were run by the Corporation under the Central and State Government Scheme.
- 4. Three Play Grounds were constructed by the Corporation for promotion of health and Sports activities.
- 5. There were 67 nurseries run by the corporation under the Child Development Scheme.
- 6. There were 7 Hobbies Classes run by the corporation for betterment of Civilians.

All the above activities were carried out by the Solapur Muncipal Corporation with the help of Central, State Government and UNICEF.

BHAVANIRAM SIKCHI CHARITABLE TRUST

The Bhavaniram Sikchi Charatable Trust has been established in the year 1915 under the managerial supervision of the Solapur Muncipal Corporation.

The trust is centrally located i.e. in front of Solapur Railway Station which lodging facilities for the passengers. It has got 21 rooms and 30 Lockers. The rent charged for Rs.20/- per day for small rooms and Rs.25/- per day Big rooms which is comparatively a very small amount. The rent of Lockers is Rs.3/- per day. The Trust provide efficient service for the people.

CIVIL HOSPITAL CHARITABLE TRUST

Solapur Muncipal Corporation has run a Charitable Trust in the campus of Civil Hospital. The trust provides staying arrangement for the relatives of the patient. The trust charge only Rs.3/- each person for staying a day. The locker facilities is provides by the trust.