

V. RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT – INDORE

CONTEXT

Indore is the largest and most populous city of the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, with a population of about 2 million. Indore is a commercial centre for goods and services, and recently many IT sectors companies have set up have setup their operations in the city. Indore also has industrial hubs around Pithampur area of the city, which host about 1.5 thousand large, medium and small industrial set-up.

Since the mid-1960's, Indore has witnessed rapid industrialization and population growth; this growth was coterminous with the increased sewerage flow in the Khan River, affecting the health of the river adversely. In addition, encroachments of its catchment area of the river, including setting up of slum colonies over the have affected the flow of the river.

THE INTERVENTION

Project description

Riverfront Development is a key initiative of the city in ABD area of Indore Smart City. The Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) has started riverfront development work of Kahn River under the Smart City project. The first phase of development of riverfront would be done from Rambagh Bridge to Krishnapura. In the second stage, the stretch from Jawahar Marg to Gangaur Ghat is planned for renovation. The scope of the work includes:

- Construction of retaining walls and dredging of riverbed along 3.9 km of riverfront
- Development of landscaping and open spaces
- Development of City-level recreational space
- Development of Fruits & Vegetables Market to accommodate shops/ hawkers in the area
- Development of adequate parking areas

Once the construction works are completed, following are benefits are expected:

- Restoration/ visual improvement of the riverfront
- Preventing entry of sewerage into the river
- Creation of a city-level recreational area
- Enhanced opportunity of the riverfront for tourism purpose



Concept photograph: Riverfront development in Indore