

# VIII. RETROFITTING OF SARABHA NAGAR MARKET – LUDHIANA

## CONTEXT

Ludhiana is the largest city in the state of Punjab, with a population of more than 1.6 million. The city is known for its small-scale industrial units, which produce industrial goods, machine parts, auto parts, household appliances, hosiery, apparels and garments. Ludhiana is also famous for its historical markets in apparels and garments; but due to increased footfall and limited up-keep, the markets have become congested and unhygienic; lack of suitable vehicle parking space has also become a major issue.

## THE INTERVENTION

### Project description

The Ludhiana Municipal Corporation has planned to undertake retrofitting model of development in the market place to address the up-keep issues of the markets. Under the initiative, Sarabha Nagar Market has been re-conceptualized to create spaces that accommodates the needs of local shopkeeper, street vendor and the public. These spaces will be more safe,



Concept photograph: Before & After – Sarabha Nagar Market

well organized and reinforce the identity of Sarabha Nagar (Kipps) Market. The development will improve pedestrian accessibility & the public amenity at the site; green areas will be increased and parking will be regulated. The idea is to revitalize the urban space and thus create additional opportunities for the increased market activity. Retrofitting works will include design, supply and installations with respect to:

- All landscape works (hardscape and softscape)
- Facade works
- All allied civil and services work (including undergrounding of electrical services)

The interventions are expected to complete by mid-2018 and once the redevelopment works are completed, following are the expected impacts:

- Reduced congestion and pollution in the market area, including enhanced parking for vehicles
- Increased pedestrian safety
- Highly visible spatial improvement and aesthetic enhancements of the market place
- Long term economic benefits through improved market ambiance and productivity