

## **6. Public-Private Partnership Initiatives: Privatization of City Transport Facility**

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Partnership Development, Resource Mobilisation; Ecological Sustainability, Resource Management; Social and Cultural Vitality

### **6.1. Situation before the Initiative**

- Jamnagar incurred an annual loss of Rs.70 lacs on its public transport services.
- The citizens were also not satisfied because of poor maintenance of the services due to lack of funds.

### **6.2. The Initiative/Innovation**

- JMC decided to privatise the transport service and a resolution was passed in the general body meeting to that effect.

### **6.3. Strategies Adopted**

- Jila Maji Sainik Sahakari Mandali was assigned to take over the services and JMC would have to monitor the services delivered by them.
- JMC acts only as a facilitator rather than the implementer and also a loss of Rs. 70 lacs /annum is completely eliminated.

### **6.4. Results Achieved**

- Storage capacity of Ranmal lake has increased. It has developed into a recreational area with adequate lighting facilities and hoardings.
- The Community Town Hall is under construction and will be completed shortly.
- Better city transport facility is now available. JMC now saves the Rs 70 Lacs annually.

### **6.5. Lessons Learnt**

- Public-private partnership initiatives can lead to increased availability of amenities.
- A strong commitment and commonly shared vision by urban local bodies and the local public are the pre-requisite for achieving long-term goals.
- Such participation efforts lead to increased ownership on part of locals.

### **6.6. Sustainability**

- The public private initiatives of JMC are environmental and cultural sustainable as it encourages shared responsibilities of developing/maintaining the civic assets and service provisions, thus reducing the burden on local bodies.

### **6.7. Transferability**

- Subject to political will, practices such as those undertaken here are replicable in other towns and cities also.