

## Overall profile Darjeeling Municipality

### POPULATION

Development of municipal areas and services to its citizen has become important like never before. Providing a healthy living environment as well as providing attractive infrastructure to attract investments and boost economic growth has become important objectives for the ULB. Darjeeling Municipality covers an area of **7.43 sq. km** with a core area of about 200 acres, where all the key activities like social and administrative, take place. The present population of the municipality is **1, 15,568** as per Census 2011 which was 1, 07,197 as per census 2001. As per UDPM Standard for Hill Areas Darjeeling Municipality is classified under Large City (where population is 80,000 and more)

Darjeeling is experiencing a high rate of urbanization. In Darjeeling the urban population grew from 33,605 to 1, 15,568 during the last 64 years but this huge population lives only in 7.43 Sq. Km. area contributing population density of 15,554 per sq. km. The population in Darjeeling is estimated to increase at a fast rate.

The Ward wise concentration of population is as follows:

Ward No	Population	Ward No	Population	Ward No	Population
1	3256	12	3632	23	4965
2	4033	13	2263	24	1354
3	2219	14	6442	25	2164
4	3937	15	1750	26	2950
5	2679	16	4647	27	3612
6	4568	17	5172	28	5026
7	4865	18	4224	29	6209
8	4089	19	3643	30	4321
9	2443	20	1541	31	4846
10	2777	21	1618	32	4152
11	3980	22	2191		

\* Source : Census 2011

#### YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT : 1850

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES

Darjeeling Municipality is surrounded by different G.P as follows :

On the North Lebong valley G.P, Rangit G.P & Badamtan G.P

On the South Dabipani G.P, Blomfeild G.P

On the East Blomfild G.P, Nayamore G.P & Badamtan G.P

On the West Bijanbari G.P, Loadhoma G.P & Dabipani G.P

#### LINKAGES OF RAIL & ROAD

The town is the Head Quarter of the Darjeeling District and located in the northern part of West Bengal, and at a distance of 663 km. away from Kolkata. The town is situated near the international border with Nepal. The town has well connected transport facilities having road connections through NH-55, Sevok Road, Pankhabari Road, and narrow gauge railway connection with the nearby important town Siliguri which is 80 km from

Darjeeling Municipality. The hinterlands are also well connected with the town by State Highways. The town is also connected with the town Siliguri by **Toy train**, which is

declared as a heritage trains - Ghoom, the second high altitude railway stations in the world is within this municipality.

The nearest airport located at a distance of 90 km. towards south at Bagdogra.

Darjeeling is also connected with the other tourist attractive hill stations by roadways viz. Kalimpong-51 km., Kurseong-32 km., Mirik-35 km

**Distance in km from Darjeeling:**

Calcutta 663kms

Siliguri 80kms

Bagdogra 90kms

kalimpong 51kms

Kurseong 32kms

Mirik 43kms

Jalpiguri 137 Kms

Coochbihar 276 Kms

**□ TOURISM :**

Tourism is a way of livelihood to the people of hill region with its overwhelming natural beauty is a tourist's abode. The beautiful view of Kanchenjunga is incomparable. Apart from its scenic beauty it has various places of attraction which is unique to the hills.

Museums and gardens of Darjeeling offer delightful experience to the visitors.

As per the report provided by the Tourism Department, Govt. of West Bengal shows that there is a steady rise of tourists' inflow from 2003 to 2007. There was maximum tourist during the year 2005 and 2006. Since the development of tourist industry in Sikkim has greatly contributed to the downfall of tourist industry in Darjeeling.

Various tourist spots to be visited in Darjeeling are Tiger Hill which is 14km from the town, Batasia Loop 5km from the town, observatory hill 10 minutes walk from Chowrasta, Himalayan mountaineering Institute 2km from the town, Natural History museum, Lebong race course, Rock garden etc.

**□ TOURIST LODGE, HOTEL, SANATORIUM :**

The main economic base of the town is the hotel services for the in numerous tourists coming to the town from different parts of India and the World. Darjeeling has the facilities of many sanatoriums from the very beginning of its establishment as a town. Immediately after that generation of different hotels started increasing up with increase no of visitors. It has already flourished over the town for many years. There are also some tourist lodges within the town. Presently there are more than two hundred numbers of tourist hotels spread over the entire municipal area Oberoi Mount Everest, New Elgin, Windamare, Alice Villa, Sinclair, Belleview, etc. are of great importance for accommodation of different classes of tourist.

**□ TRANSPORT :**

The Toy train services from Siliguri to Darjeeling is the only railway transport system except road transport by buses and public and private vehicles. Bus services are difficult to ply and manoeuvre due to the terrain and topography of the area. The transport system is mainly dependent on private vehicles, like Sumo, Car & Motorcars. Major passengers and tourist are carried by private vehicles and small buses. Higher charges of the private vehicle by the tourists

and the wages of the persons connected with such vehicle including repair works are a vital economic base of major portion of the citizen of the town.

#### □ PLACES OF INTEREST

Darjeeling Municipality, in and around the town has many renowned places of interest .

**Mall** - Situated at the meeting point of three arms of "Y" ,the shape of the town .It has tremendous attraction to the tourists ,the assembly points for tourists from which they mainly enjoyed the evening relaxation and cultural programs.

**Governor's House** is situated very near to Mall on the north-west side.

**Himalayan Mountaineering Institute**-This is presently known as Tenzing-Norgay Mountaineering Institute after the name of Tenzing-Norgay, the conqueror of Mount Everest, who was also a teacher of the institute. The institute has a museum also. It is about 2 Km from Mall.

**Padmajanaidu Himalayan Zoological Garden**-It is just before the Mountaineering Institute. Here Himalayan Black bear, Panda, Deer, Panther, leopard, Siberian tiger may be seen.

About 8Km from Mall on the north-east situates **Lebong Race Course**. It is the race course of highest altitude in the world, but small in size. The renowned tea estate **Happy Valley** is close to Darjeeling on the west.

Just by the side of **Bhutia Busty** (near Mall on the east) situates **Step Aside**, the residence where Deshbandhu C.R. Das died.

Museum of National History, Lyod Botanical garden (Estd. In 1865), Victoria falls, Burdwan Maha Raja's Palace, Lalkothi (Coochbehar Maha raja Palace), Ava Art Gallery - all situated within central Darjeeling at walking distance from Mall.

Ghoom Railway station, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest railway station is 6 Km from Mall on the south.

There are many Monasteries within Darjeeling town.

Sandakfoo the renowned tracking place is 58 Km. from Darjeeling on the North West side. There are some historic schools within the town.

#### CLIMATIC DATA

The state of West Bengal may be divided mainly into two broad regions due to difference in basic characteristics of climate. The regions are (i) sub-Himalayan west Bengal mainly comprising Darjeeling, Cooch-Behar, Jalpaiguri, West Dinajpur and Malda District and (ii) the other region to the South of Malda is called Gangetic West Bengal.

Therefore, it is obvious that the climate of Darjeeling would possess the same character as that of Sub-Himalayan region. Being situated at an average altitude of 2134 metres, atmosphere is highly humidity average relative humidity is 32%. The rainfall remains on an average 2812 mm. Average maximum temperature remains at 16.7°C and minimum temperature -0.9°C. The Municipal town experience, mainly two seasons viz. rainy and winter. Monsoon starts from the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May and persists upto end of September and winter starts from the end of October and remains up to the end of March. Duration of summer is very short.

#### Religion.

While the review the religion amongst the population within the municipal area it has been found that the maximum no is of Hindu followed by Buddhism and Sikh.

Hindu  
64.24%  
Other  
0.89%  
Buddhist  
25.63%  
Sikh  
0.40%  
Christian  
05.41%  
Jain  
0.27%  
Islam  
03.16%

*Source: Municipality.*

### **Social Classification.**

The Household classified within the municipality is as per the following category. From census 2001 the percentage of SC and ST population within Darjeeling Municipality are 6.67% and 11.89%. from the sample survey OBC population has comes to 16.42%. the remaining 65.02% belongs to Hindu, General, Minority etc.

General 43.64%

SC 8.39%

ST 31.55%

OBC 16.42%

*Source: Municipality.*

### **Message of the Chairman:**

My vision for Darjeeling would be incomplete without stressing on the need – based area for the transformation of Queen of Hills. Taking into cognizance the inevitable phenomenon of rural population increasingly migrating to urban areas for better opportunities , resulting in greater urbanisation , a small town like ours need to make a sustained effort to provide amenities for a better quality of life, for liveability, health, sanitation , water transportation , sewage and SWM.

Our endeavour in the coming year is to begin the process of solving the perennial problem of water scarcity .funds have been sanctioned under AMRUT and e- tender will be floated soon. Even if portable water cannot be provided 24x7, we aim to provide filtered, treated and metred water and cover maximum numbers of households.

Our SWM Projects has adopted the theme “from waste to wealth” . A gas plant will be installed to generate gas from waste.

Being a famous tourist destination , we will be beautifying some parks and green spaces to bring back Darjeeling to its pristine glory.

The DPR from LWM has been prepared .We believe that the old sewage system laid by the British need to be totally re-vamped . Our endeavour will be to do this once the funds are sanctioned.

Our aim is to :

Inspire Change,

Uplift Hope ,

Transform lives and

Change the face of Darjeeling .

**Progress update :**

IHSDP SCHEME Darjeeling municipality. As on :11.02.2016.

Total nos of dwelling unit sanctioned: 890 units

Beneficiaries contribution received 882 out of 890

Total dwelling unit fully completed 837

Dwelling unit work under progress: 45

Physical infrastructures completed :88.50%

Note: Remaining work will be completed within 31st March 2016.

Social infrastructures:

- a) Community center at ward no:1, Rajahatta fully completed
- b) Livelyhood center at ward no:6, Nimki dara fully completed
- c) Animal pen at ward no:17, Mangalpuri fully completed
- d) Community center at ward no:17, Mangalpuri work in progress
- e) Informal market at ward no:23, Shiva gram fully completed
- f) Community center at ward no:28, Bhanu Gram fully completed

Housing for Urban Poor

Received Rs 45 lakhs as grant for 3rd phase of housing for Urban Poor from Govt.

Out of 37 nos of Dwelling units amounting to Rs.84.73 lakhs(i.e 2.29 lakhs/unit) 37.0 lakhs has been utilised till date.

WBUES.

Out of Rs 86.52 Lakhs( eighty six lakhs fifty two thousand) only Rs.6360928 (Rupees sixty three lakhs sixty thousand nine hundred and twenty eight)only has been utilised for creation of asset in 32 wards.

NSAP.

Under IGNOAPS 1339 beneficiaries are getting pensions

Under IGNWPS 465 beneficiary are getting pension

Under IGDPs 113 beneficiary are getting pension.

The data entry of Housing for all (HFA) has been completed and is under process for approval.

SI No	Name of Schemes
1	Thorough repair and maintenance of Chowrasta Road i/c Drain, Ward No:14, Darjeeling
2	Thorough Repair & Maintenance of Forest Road i/c drain, Ward No.26, Darjeeling.
3	Thorough repair and maintenance of B.M.Chatterjee Road at Ward No.22, Darjeeling
4	Thorough repair and maintenance of Old Kutchery Road, Ward No.22, Darjeeling
5	Thorough repairing Rivers Hill Road including drain leading from Richmond Hill to Zoo gate Ward No. 30, Darjeeling
6	Construction of footpath leading from Sri. Dawa Sherpa's house to Gumba at Chota Ging Ward No. 32, Darjeeling
7	Construction of protection wall at East Jawahar Road, Hermitage Road Ward No.30, Darjeeling
8	Restoration Of Foot path From House of Puran Pradhan upto House of Mingu Yolmo, T.N. Road, Within Ward No;-01.
9	Restoration of Bituminios Road from Sinchel Road to House of Tido Rimbochey, Within Ward No;-01
10	Construction of Culvert Near Ghoom Post office Within Ward No;-02.
11	Construction of Protection wall to Protect Spring water Source below Kipa's House. Ward No.02
12	Restoration of footpath From House of Prasant Subba Krippa's house. Ward No -03
13	Restoration of footpath from New generation School to Sukhia Road, Ward No-03
14	Construction of Culvert at Lahure dara Within Ward No;-04.
15	Thorough Repair and Maintenance of Chowrasta Road i/c drain, Ward No 14. Darjeeling
16	Construction of Path and Railing at Y.M.B.A School at Ward No.31 ,Darjeeling.
17	Thorough repair and maintenance of Convent Road i/c Drain , Ward No.23, Darjeeling
18	Thorough repair and maintenance of R.K.Kushary Road i/c Drain & Railing, Ward No.12, Darjeeling
19	Thorough repair and maintenance of Dr.Zakir Hussain Road from T.V. Tower to Junction of T.N.Road, Ward No.10, Darjeeling
20	Thorough repair and maintenance of Swami Prabhudananda Road i/c Drain & Railing, Ward No.9, Darjeeling

21	Repair and maintainance of path leading from J.P. Thapa Road to Down Wards, Ward No.7, Darjeeling
22	Thorough repairing of B.K. Gongba Road including drain Ward No 15, Darjeeling.
23	Thorough repairing to lower portion of Kailoo Lama Road including drain leading from dara to mpl. Limit Ward No. 28, Drajeeling
24	Thorough repairing of Pamphawati Grungni Road leading from I.D. Hospital to Burn's Gram including drain Ward No. 27, Darjeeling
25	Restoration of Bituminios Road from Monastery upto Burning Ghat Within Ward No;-03
26	Restoration of Existing Foot path Connecting Shanti Gram and Dali by constructing Protection wall, damaged by recent landslide. Ward No.05
27	Providing protective work including footpath and drain damaged by landslide due to recent rainfall at Mount Hermon Top Line Singamari, Ward No.29, Darjeeling
28	Providing protective work including footpath and drain damaged by landslide due to recent rainfall at below Ropeway, Singamari, Ward No.29, Darjeeling
29	Providing protective work including footpath damaged by landslide due to recent rainfall at the area below St. Micheal School, Ward No.29, Darjeeling
30	Providing protective work including footpath and drain damaged by landslide due to recent rainfall at Hawa Ghar Singamari, Ward No.29, Darjeeling
31	Providing protective work including footpath and drain damaged by landslide due to recent rainfall at area near Farm House below Mount Hermon Staff Quarter Singamari, Ward No.29, Darjeeling
32	Providing protective work including footpath and drain damaged by land slide due to recent rainfall at Tonlu View Victoria Road and Pragati Gram, P.B. Gurung Road Ward No.18, Darjeeling
33	Providing protective work including footpath and drain damaged by land slide due to recent rainfall at Jail Bhir Gaon and Jagriti Gram K.B. Abdul Aziz Road Ward No.18, Darjeeling
34	Construction of protection wall at Shiva Gram Ward No.23, Darjeeling
35	Construction of drain from Chowrasta to Mahatma Gandhi School Ward No. 31, Darjeeling
36	Thorough Repairing of N.B. Singh including drain Ward No.20 & 21, Darjeeling
37	Renovation and maintenance of step path near Bata Ward No.21, Darjeeling
38	Construction of dustbin at quarry near Gorkha Museum within Ward No.2
39	Construction of new dust bin at Apple Tree Road, Ward No.31, Darjeeling
40	Laying 150mm dia sewer line and construction of pits at Youth Hostel ,Magrii Villa to T.N Road W.D No 9 Darjeeling
41	Repairing and Maintenance of S.K.Paul Road. Ward No:- 17,Darjeeling
42	Repair and Maintenance of J.N Mitra Road, Ward- 25,26 & 18
43	Thorough repairing of Brynwyn Jhora leading from T.B. Monastery Road to R.N. Sinha Road,Ward No:- 19,Darjeeling

44	Restoration of Footpath from Chowthara upto Santi Gram within Ward No.05
45	Repair and construction of Lalkhoti lonk road and drainage from Bhadrasay dara (hawaghar) enroute jalaphar road
46	Repair and construction of foot path in Frymal Village Ward No.28, Darjeeling
47	Repair of Footpath and protection Wall in Jawahar Busty to Khakee Dara, ward No.14
48	Construction of drain leading from phamphawati guruni road to near I.D. Hospital Singamari, Ward No.28, Darjeeling
49	Repair of railing and steppath at R.N.Sinha Road, Ward No.19, Darjeeling
50	Renovation of Mpl Latrine at Limbu Busty, ward No:28,Darjeeling.

### **Innovative Thoughts:**

To highlight the major initiatives in different fields taken by the board, **Digitations of Birth and Death Department and Trade Licence** is almost complete and is to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.