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Urban Development: A Case Study on Englishbazar Municipality (E.B.M) in Malda District (W.B) Since 2016-2025

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Abstract

Development is the part of local self government which included municipality and Panchayat system in India. The development of an area depends on the development of every sector but the development cannot growth without the development of infrastructure. So, must be need strong infrastructure in local self government. An Urban area need to physical infrastructure like slum development and rehabilitation, drain, education system, facilities of drinking water, public health and play ground, housing facilities, medical service, marketing, road, park, solid waste management etc.

Key-Words: Englishbazar Municipality, History, Government, Development, Programmes, Activities and Urban Development etc.

Introduction:

The British played a crucial role in establishing the Englishbazar Municipality. The East India Company established Khuti in Old Malda in 1686 AD. For the convenience of their business in 1770, the English Merchants brought the Kuthi away from Old Malda to the Englishbazaar. Malda District was formed in 1813 with some parts of Rajshahi, Purnia and Dinajpur Districts. In 1813, the English Bazar Municipality was not born at birth. After The formation of the district, the need for building a Municipality is required in the city area for the need of various jobs, the need for recruitment of the staff in government works, the collection of revenue collection, the acquisition of municipality from the residents of the city area, the drainage of the street, the installation of street lights in the street. 'The factory in the city was transferred to Mukdampur in 1680. The company had to build factories and offices on 56 bighas of land. in 1681, the factories areas was increased by buying more 8 bighas of land. The present collector, the Superintend house and the Guru training school were within the area.

Malda cities ration business is known for a long time. The factory builds in favour of the East India Company, silk traders and tents were starting to settle down the factory. The Malda city gradually started to become a business based city. Then this area name of the Engrabada. In 1680 it was known to the company as Nayahata. Inrejabadera was name Englishbazar. At the end of the company's regime, a magistrate collector was eradicated for the administration of the district and a treasury was established. Treasury was established in 1832. The French language was the only medium of governance till 1834. The Bangla language was given the main states to keep the day-to-day contact with the people and to conduct government affairs. Now the Englishbazar magistrate quote was earlier residency building. The factory was surrounded by a high wall and the building was protected. To the angler was the towers and three was total of eight cannon caravans at present, two cannons are still seen in the verandah east of the circuit house and six cannons are not found. The general people identified the residence of the British ambassador to the Indian state of India and Barakuti. Circuit house was built in 1825 AD that is to say 178 years ago. In 1852, there was a factory in the field on the south side of the factory. An old hospital on the south-western side of the Foyara more was been seen that it was formed in 1861.

There was another municipality except the Englishbazar Municipality which known as Old Malda Municipality. The Old Malda Municipality was established on 1" April, 1869 and the Englishbazar Municipality in 1868. In the Old Malda Municipality there were twelve councillors and eighteen councillors in Englishbazar municipality.

In 1869 the Municipality of Englishbazar had a volume of 1500 acres. In 1869-70 the number of houses was 1462 and the Municipality's income in the census of 1872 was 388 pound 2 Shilling. The public was paying 4 to 7 paisa. The total population in 1872 was 12859. At that time, an educated rich man was nominated for the post of Chairman and an English representative and Vice Chairman. However, Bipin Bihari Ghosh was elected the first Vice Chairman of this Municipality and Nilmani Ghatak was the first elected Chairman in 1925. In 1951 there were 30,663 people in the Englishbazar municipality and in 1961 the Englishbazar municipality had a population of 45, 900 thousands.

The main role for the formation of municipalities is in the city. A Municipality was developed in the centre of the city. In 1869, the number of people in the Englishbazar Municipality was not high and the area was not much. In 1869, there lived no Hindu in the city of Englishbazar only, even Muslims would have been there. The temple was built for the Hindus and the Mosque for the Muslim in Englishbazar. Only the district rulers had no role to play in building the temple and mosque of the city of Englishbazar. Along with them, the role of the municipality, sub-municipal and municipal commissioner of Englishbazar was also behind the development of this temple and mosque.

Demography of E.B.M:

Population growth is a significant aspect of the development process. As a city grows the population also increases both naturally as well as due to the in migration from the surrounding areas. The increasing population puts pressure on the city infrastructure and civil amenities. In a town like Englishbazar, Malda where the composition of population is very varied, natural growth of population is bound to be on the higher side. Located close to the border area, it is also susceptible to the migration from Bihar and Jharkhand.

Demographic Profile of Englishbazar Municipality:

Total Ward Nos.	SC	ST	Total Population
25	18297	1751	16,1,448

Political Issues and Administrative Structure of E.B.M:

The term "political issues" refer to controversies within the political system. In fact political issues encompass just about everything political leaders talk about in city council meetings, state legislatures, parliaments and congress. In the case of Englishbazar Municipality the political issues become factors because Englishbazar Municipality is a political institution. Through these political institutions the common people are getting the municipal services which are very necessities for the city dwellers. Sometimes political issues are changed in several aspects like, Traditional political structure, composition of ward committee and newly decision for the better services of particular municipality areas. For the different issues here is a big issue of politics like: housing area and boundary, marketing hub, water supply, road construction, playground and sanitation etc.

Englishbazar Municipality consists of an executive officer, finance officer, urban planner, and accountant. Englishbazar municipality total strength of staff is 398 (Group A staff 03, group B staff 04, group C staff 114 and group D staff 277)

Wards in English Bazar Municipality:

At present total 29 wards are there in Englishbazar Municipality. There is a long historical evaluation of Englishbazar Municipality. In Englishbazar Municipality there were only two wards for only taxpayers could vote in the year of 1937. Five councilors were elected from ward no-1 and wards no-2 and four councilors were elected from wards no-3 and ward no. 4 and composed of fourteen wards in 1964. Again wards are increased into eighteen in 1968 than eight wards are added in 1990, on that time total wards are 25.

Ward Committees:

For each and every ward there is a provision of ward committee for the developmental activities in Englishbazar Municipality. The ward committees are always with the opinion of common peoples of the ward dwellers. The numbers of committee members is five to ten. The committee has several functions like monitoring the developmental works, submit the development proposals and identifying the various problems and organize the meeting with the people of the particular ward area. At present Englishbazar Municipality have 29 wards committees and each committee organize one meeting in a month.

Departments of the Municipality:

Function of the Municipality specified under the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act of 1993. Englishbazar Municipality performs several functions for common peoples like building construction, sanitations system, mutation, health service, license of rickshaw, street lighting, provide the birth and death certificate, water supply, birth and death registration, education and plan approval etc. In the Englishbazar Municipality there are twenty five departments like account section, general section, conservancy section, water tax section, mid-day meal section, assessment section, law section, SC/ST/OBC section, market section, health section, vehicle section, water supply section, electric section, street lighting section,

building section, NASP section, Tax collection section, NULM Section, cash section, birth and death section, mutation section, UDDISMT Section and Technology Section. All department works actively for the progress of Englishbazar Municipality for the better upliftment in front of common peoples.

Developmental activities:

Marketing System in E.B.M:

Englishbazar Municipality have marketing system and progress day by day if we have need importing planning for the implementation of marketing system. However, I have tried to analyze the marketing system in this article. Under Englishbazar municipality have 21 super markets. The municipality collected tax by this market in average per month thirty rupees. Total 2890 shops are here under this twenty one super market. Several shop like garments, shoes, kitchen shop, food shop, raw vegetable store and so on and the detailed report is given below:

List of Super Markets under E.B.M:

Sl. No.	Name of the Market	Ward Number	Total Number of Shops	Location	Fire Proof or Not
1	Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Market	17	585	RajMahal Road	Yes
2	AtulChandra Market	07	185	K.J.Sanyal Road	Yes
3	KaziAzaharuddin Market	23	425	Jhaljhalia	Yes
4	RishiBankimChandra Market	08	156	Mokdumpur	Yes
5	BidhanChandraRoy Market	01	67	Madhabnagar	Yes
6	BinaySarkarMarket	14	49	Fulbari	No
7	Netaji Subhas Municipal Market	18	614	Rathbari	Yes
8	A.B.A Gani Khan Choudhury Market	20	39	Rathbari	Yes
9	Bombay Road	17	04	Near Rathbari	No
10	Jadu Nandan Chaudhury Poura Market	07	150	K.J.Sanyal Road	Yes
11	AbhirampurMarket	02	30	Abhirampur	No
12	Shib Ram Bhaban	08	16	R.K.Mission Road	No
13	Town Hall & Mukta Munch Market	08	05	Brindaboin Maiban	No
14	Hospital Area Market	05	118	N.H.34	Yes
15	N.S.Road Complex	08	95	N.S.Road	No
16	KaniMore	23	94	Jhaljhalia	Yes
17	SukantaCorner	17	55	NewBichitra Cinema	No
18	MaldaMedicalCentre	05	23	K.J.Sanyal Road	Yes
19	Dr.KamalKrishnaSanyal Market	06	38	Rabindra Avinye	No

20	VidyasagarMarket	24	109	NearITI College	Yes
21	ParkGhat(GF)	08	33	R.K. Mission Road	No

(Sources: Information collected from municipality general section, Dated: March 8th, 2025).

Housing and Complex Facilities in Englishbazar Municipality Area:

Englishbazar municipality is an urban area, many apartments, government guest houses, municipality Abhasan, municipality guest houses are here. Under mentioned the housing and complex facilities in the table under mentioned. Under the Englishbazar municipality total five numbers of guest houses are here like; tourist lodge, old circuit houses, new circuit house and district training house etc. one municipality guest house at Badh road and two municipality abhasan are here in this municipality. In this municipality Abhasan many staff of municipality and water office department staff stay here.

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Housing and complex under the Englishbazar Municipality.

Total house	Govt. Rest	Apartments	Register Promoter	Municipality Abhasan	Municipality Guesthouse
5		70 Approx.	20 Approx.	2	1

Industrial growth in Englishbazar Municipality Area.

Industrialisation is an important aspect of urban development; it was essential features of urban economical growth and reduction of poverty. Under like EM-II list (Date 12.12.2006 to 16.10.2014) total 3046 no's of micro and small industry are register in Malda district. Micro and small industry had perform several activities like; Agarbati made, Rice mill, bread honey, grill gate, plastic bottle, ice cream and so many product are manufacturing and processing under this industries. In the present day under Uddyog aadhaar (08.03.2016 to 25.10.2017) total 1096 no's of micro and small industry or enterprises are registered. Under the Uddyog aadhaar industrialist some small and micro type industry are established at Englishbazar municipality.

Education system of Englishbazar Municipality Area:

Education is the most important things in human life. It's important for the every human life. According to Kothari Commission (14th July, 1964) education system of India divided into three part like, Primary education, Secondary education and Higher education (10+2+3). In the year 1848 first vernacular school are situated in Englishbazar. After that several education institution are established in this municipality area. As per census 2011 at Englishbazar municipality total 1,48,766 no's literate population, which male literate total number of 78,235 no's and the female literate total population of 70,531 no's.

Sports and other Entertainment Facilities in Englishbazar Municipality:

At present Englishbazar Municipality have developments many areas of sports and other entertainment facilities. Entertainment place is very essential place for the people because its one type of foods of mind and play ground is the centre of physical exercise. Apart from these, the personality traits are impossible to develop. So authority of Englishbazar municipality adopted many initiatives like; football ground and cricket ground and Indore game centers, many Children's park, playground, exercise centers, Community hall, Cinema hall and the morning walking road in the bank of Mahananda River in this municipality area.

List of Sports and others Entertainment Facility of E.B.M

Number of Total Park	Number of Total Playground	Number of Total Exercise Centre	Number of Total Games Centre	Number of Total Community Hall	Number of Total Cinema Hall
3	4	11	4	5	4

(Data collected from municipality office, dated on 02th January, 2026)

Parks in Englishbazar Municipality:

There are many park like; Vivekananda park, Krishnapally Sishuuddyan, Halderpara Sishuuddyan, Kothabari park, Abhirampur park, Sukantapally Bablabonapark, Gayanath park, R.K.Pally field cum park, Arobindo park, Madhabnagar Sampa Sishuuddyan and adjacent park and Suvankar Sishuuddyan Park etc.

Playground and game centre:

We know, play ground and game centre is the most important part of health. Under Englishbazar municipality several playgrounds are available here like; Hussein Sah Indoor Stadium, District Sports Association Stadium, Laxman Sen Outdoor Stadium, Brindabani Maidan, Cricket tournament, Football Tournament, Volleyball Tournament, Kabadi Tournament are played in these ground.

Under this municipality many game centre like; Satya Choudhury Indoor Stadium, D.S.A swimming pool, North Bengal Cricket Academy, Vivekananda Indoor Badminton and Gymnasium. Table Tennis, Badminton tournament, Judo tournament, Swimming and Gymnasium tournament and practices are available in these game centre's.

Exercises Centre in Englishbazar Municipality Area:

Exercise centre are important in body fitness and it was an entertainment place. Under Englishbazar municipality several exercise centre are here like; Saktisanchoy bayamagar, Deshbandhu bayamagar, Shantibharatigym, Shape up gym, Cross fit gym, Fit-king gym, Atlanta gym, Keep fit gym and power gym.

Deshbandhu byamagar is the West Bengal body building Association Government nominated gym centre.

Community Hall and Cinema Hall in Englishbazar Municipality Area:

Community Hall is the most important in urban area because of several functions like; social programme, Social awareness programme, dramatic programme, dancing programme, meeting, marriage ceremony and so other programme under had municipality had several community hall like;Durga Kinkar Sadan, Malda College Auditorium, Malda Town hall, Rabindrabhaban, Beede community hall and so on.

Cinema Hall is the most important Entertainment centre. There are three movie theatres in Englishbazar municipality like Nobin Cinema Hall, Rupkatha Hall and Bichitra Hall but now Bichitra Hall is stopped.

Transportation and Communication Facility in E.B.M:

Transportation or communication is the very important life line of urban development, without transportation the development or progress of population, developed the social interaction and economic growth of urban area shout not be possible. When road, bridge of river, road link, Railway network, waterway and airway are well infrastructure in urban area than the urban government is developed. A good transport system is always helpful for progressive urban government and improve the working efficiency and bad transport system is always effected in degrades in economic growth and effected for daily public life. Englishbazar municipality is one of the important municipality areas of state of West Bengal. Total area of municipality is 13 sq km. Englishbazar municipality has a one Public Bus Stand, one Governmental Bus Stand, one Railway Station (Malda Division, Eastern Railway) and one under processing Airport are here.

Roads and Channels:

Road network played an important role in communication as well as economic development in urban and rural area. Indian economy stands on road communication. So need to good road network of Urban local self government. Like build newly road and constructed, repairing of metal road and maintenance is the basic duty of the every municipality. So English bazar municipality is the must obey the above said initiatives. Englishbazar municipality total 487.30 km length of road, in which surface road length total 309.92 km. and subsurface road total length of 177.38km.

Water Supply Facilities:

We know water is the valuable natural resources and water crisis is the challenge in future days. We need to reserve the water for coming days. Central Government and State government and rural, urban local bodies had played an important role for planning, implement and maintenance to the water supply duties. In the year 1897 Englishbazar Municipality consists had four wards like; Mokdumpur, Englishbazar, Puratully and Fulbari, in that time the main sources of water are river through tanks and wells. In that time total 11no's tanks and 507 no's wells in four words are here, in which government controlled four tanks and five wells, municipality maintained by one tank and five wells and rest of six tanks and 497 no's of wells are controlled by private in way.

Sanitation and cleanness:

Sanitation is the health related package, it consist of quality of life. Municipality has performed several activities related to cleanness and free of rubbish. Englishbazar municipality had take several step related to cleanness of the city. Under Englishbazar had created nineteen numbers of public toilets in municipality area and six numbers of pay and use toilet. Englishbazaar municipality had daily 210 Metric Ton garbage are accumulated. Here 29 no's of garbage trolley, four cesspool van and Bio-toilet van municipality are in town.

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