



Existing recreational facilities in the town are grossly inadequate.

17.1 Parks & Open Spaces

The town has no parks and open spaces which are open to public, except the Galileo Science Centre & Pedagogy Park.

17.1.2 Play Ground/Stadia

The municipality has one partially constructed stadium near the EMS educational complex. Even this is actually the play ground of the school complex converted into a public facility. The size of the stadium is not adequate to host professional matches or athletic events. Besides the stadium has no parking facility and is in the heart of the town adding to the congestion in the town. However, there is a national cricket stadium in Angadippuram, the adjacent panchayath.

Other playgrounds available in the town are attached to the three un-aided schools in the town (Valluvanad Vidya Bhavan, Presentation HSS and ISSHSS) which are not available for public use.

There are no indoor stadia or open air theatre in the town.

17.1.3 Theatre and Auditoria

There are four cinema theatres in the town. Three auditoria function in the town.

17.1.4 Problems and Potentials

The high cost of land hampers the development of recreational facilities in the town. However, due to the setting up of institutions like MES Medical College and Aligarh Muslim University off center campus in the adjoining LSGs, there is scope for development of urban centric recreational facilities in the town. The floating population due to these institutions and health care facilities in the town creates demand for such recreational facilities.

17.1.5 Inferences

The existing recreational facilities in the town are thoroughly inadequate even for the present population. Due to large scale educational and health care institutions in and around the town there is an unsatiated demand for recreational facilities in the town.

17.2 Other Civic Amenities

17.2.1 Town Hall

The municipality has a town hall with an approximate seating capacity of 1000. The town hall building is in a dilapidated condition and needs renovation. Besides, the parking facilities in the town hall is very limited.



17.2.2 Reading Room and Library

Five libraries, the V.K. Krishnamenon memorial public library, Cherukad library and research centre, Captian Lakshmi Memorial library, Edward club library and the Cosmopolitan club library are functioning in the town. Besides, the town has four reading rooms, one at Narangakundu, two at Eravimangalam and one at Pathaikarra.

17.2.3 Crematoria and Burial Grounds

There are a number of burial grounds attached to the mosques and churches in the town. There is one burial ground and cremation ground under the municipal ownership.

17.2.4 Police and Rescue Services

The town has a police station besides being the head quarters of a police sub division. The town also has a fire station and sub jail in the core area.

17.2.5 Inferences

The civic amenities in the town are not commensurate with the present population. Serious efforts are needed from the municipality to ensure adequate civic amenities to its inhabitants considering the projected population also during the plan period.

