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SMC to launch smart Surat pilot project in December

SURAT: Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) has decided to start a pilot project by December 2014 for real time integration of basic infrastructural sectors like water supply, sewerage, transportation and solid waste management. This is a first step towards making Surat a smart city.

A workshop was held in the city on Tuesday in this regard. It was attended by experts from technical institutes, agencies and SMC officials.

"We have got many suggestions from experts on how to integrate and incorporate data into our core services so that they become more efficient and effective," said Jatin Shah, city engineer, SMC.

The SMC has already given work for preparing a GIS-based application to Antriksh.

Vikram Patel, principal, SVBIT Engineering College, Gandhinagar, who is an expert in structural engineering; Dr Hitesh Chinkanlwala, an expert in data mining; Dr Ashish Jani, an expert in cell phone application; Haren Shah, an expert in ICT and e-governance; Parth Shah, an expert in ICT and embedded systems and Dr Priti Garg, professor and head of department of public administration of Veer Narmad South

Gujarat University (VNSGU), were among those who attended the workshop.