

## CONCEPT NOTE

In the year 2015, the Government of Gujarat has given the responsibilities of conservation and restoration of historical Fort of Surat to Surat Municipal Corporation. Surat Municipal Corporation has carefully examined and appointed various able agencies to carry out conservation and restoration work of the Fort.

During the Restoration of the Fort, during the research and by excavation and explorations it is found that long ago by the Tughalaq dynasty (c. 1351-1388 A.D.) a Fort was built on the bank of river Tapi in Surat, which was relatively smaller than the present Fort. The Fort was subsequently altered, modified and extended as per the needs of the occupier i.e. mainly during the possession of Sultanate period, Mughals, British period and after the independence by various Government offices.

Though in context of the identity of Surat in medieval times many views have been expressed by different historians, in all the historical narratives Surat has emerged as one of the major ports of international importance on the map of the world trade.

Restoring the historical heritage of Surat, imparting more glitter to the shining pride of Surat and giving a new identity to this old fort, is a humble effort by Surat Municipal Corporation.

With this short introduction Surat Municipal Corporation has decided to organize 'National Photography Competition in Fort - 2019'. In this competition any photographer more than 18 years old can participate and showcase his/her talent through photograph to glorify the heritage of Surat through Fort.