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## GMDA proposes city masterplan review

GUWAHATI: In a bid to accommodate the rapidly growing population of Guwahati, the Guwahati metropolitan development authority (GMDA) has proposed review and revision of its comprehensive master plan (CMP), 2025, adopted in 2009. The original masterplan was adopted in July, 2009 and also recommended its monitoring and review at five-year interval (2011, 2016 and 2021).

The GMDA has selected the Centre for Environment Planning & Technology (CEPT), Ahmedabad, for the job. "CEPT has submitted the report to the [Assam](#) government recently. It has proposed expansion of GMDA's jurisdiction to around 2000 sq km. Next, CEPT experts will review and revise the CMP, 2025," the official said. He added that CEPT has completed a similar exercise for Hyderabad and Patna city.

A top GMDA official said the authorities have highlighted the need for expanding the jurisdiction of Guwahati to facilitate and regulate development to accommodate the city's growing population.

According to the 2001 census, the population of Guwahati metropolitan area was around 8.9 lakh, but as per the

provisional figures of the 2011 census, the population of the same area went up to 12.6 lakh. Unofficial figures say it has crossed the 17-lakh mark in Guwahati.

He added that the master plan will project the physical and social infrastructure needs for the growing population for the next 20 years and will also lay down a roadmap for generating resources for meeting these needs.