The Smart City Building Blocks & Their Synergy with Smart Villages

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A **smart city** is an urban development vision to integrate **information and communication technology** (ICT) and **Internet of Things** (IoT) technology in a **secure** fashion to manage a city's assets.

To be fully “smart,” a city must be “connected.”
Building Blocks of a Smart City
Cities across the world are deploying technology to gather data trying to become cleaner, reduce traffic, and improve urban life. Starting with energy management, to disaster preparedness, to public safety, to parking spot assistance, to paying bills online, to facilitate emergency vehicle movement, and much more.
Elements of a Smart City

A neighborhood in a smart city:

• A smart traffic crossing sensitive to traffic volume
• Synchronized traffic lights for smooth flow
• Emergency vehicle priority access
Optical based traffic signal preemption system for emergency and transit vehicles

Figure 12: System Architecture for 3M Opticom Emitter Detection System
Connected Transportation

• Connected vehicles and travelers will be able to share data with all sorts of equipment, and be able to procure mobility as a service, whenever wherever.
The system allows buses that are more than a minute behind schedule to automatically receive priority at traffic lights.
US Deployment: Smart Lamppost with Camera

Camera provides surveillance and locates empty parking spaces.
Smart Trash Can in Stockholm, Sweden

Regular trash cans need to be emptied 1–3 times per day.
Smart ones only need to be emptied four times a week.
Yokohama, Japan Smart City Demonstration
Smart Cities in India (60)
What is Normal

The New Normal

[Images of industrial plants, congested traffic, and modern renewable energy sources.]
A smart/connected city is a system of interconnected systems including:

- Employment
- Health care
- Retail/entertainment
- Public services

The system of systems is tied together by information and communications technologies (ICT) that transmit and process data about all sorts of activities within the city.
Solar Nanogrid in Bangladesh

ICT-based power meter and bill payment using smart phones
Introducing Technology

- Enables light after sunset using solar micro-grids
- Illuminates kitchens, schools and clinics
- Lets communities live cleaner, safer, and more prosperous lives
- Stimulates local commerce and builds new enterprises
Expanding Education

• Creating a network of engineers, entrepreneurs, and practitioners
• Facilitating ongoing learning and mentorship for continued success
• Innovative Global Classroom helps people around the world access the internet and educational resources

Photo by Paula Bronstein
IEEE Smart Village Success Story
Global Himalayan Expedition, India
Lingshed Monastery – Ladakh Region, Indian Himalayas – Elevation 12,000 feet.
Founded in 1440
Illuminated with IEEE Smart Village in 2016
Global Himalayan Expedition
Villagers working with LED Lights
Loads served by roof-top Solar Photovoltaics

Community Meeting Room

Community Reading Room
Locally Driven Initiatives

Source: Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh
Development of local technicians and entrepreneurs at the grass-roots level:
To create local stakeholder for promoting, installing and providing efficient after-sales service of the technologies.

Local capacity development and creation of green jobs:
Local entrepreneurs, especially women are offered financial and technical assistance to set-up a renewable energy technology business.

Source: Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh
Life Changing Experience

“The customers love coming to my shop, now that I have bright light. “They can see what they are buying and what I have in stock. And they can watch television and charge mobile phones. My sales have gone up by at least 50.”
Children’s Library in a Boat with Solar-powered Light

Source: Grameen Shakti, Bangladesh
Impact of Solar PV in Rural Communities

- Education
- Healthcare
- Retail Business
- Electricity

Some of the experience from the Smart Village can show examples of social interactions which can be transferred to the Smart City and help in community building.
A connected city village is one where all relevant city village systems—utilities, transportation, employment, health care, public safety, education, and others—are capable of communicating with each other to allow coordination and reduce waste.
I would like to see a broader IEEE

We need to ensure that we are “READY FOR RECOVERY”, when we get back to the “NEW NORMAL” after COVID-19. Let us enhance cooperation, collaboration and community spirit.

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