PREFACE

The state of urban service delivery in Indian cities and towns is far poorer than is desirable for India’s current income levels. Indian economy has been one of the fastest growing economies in the world but the current state of provision of infrastructural facilities is simply unacceptable. Floods, traffic jams, accumulated waste at roadsides, and people queuing up for water from stand posts and tankers across cities and towns all drive home the urgent need to address the challenges of delivering urban services in India. This research attempted to find disparities in the distribution of infrastructural facilities and status of social well-being in Aligarh city.

The entire work presented in the thesis has been divided into six chapters besides the introduction and conclusion.

First Chapter of the thesis deals with physical setting and aspects related to socio-economic environment of Aligarh city. In second chapter a brief history of infrastructural development in India in general perspective has been explained along with a review of literature. Third Chapter presents an account of role and responsibilities of Municipal Corporation in laying of infrastructure facilities in Aligarh City. Fourth Chapter deals with the an assessment of disparities in infrastructural facilities in the city. Fifth Chapter has been devoted to present a picture of social structure of Aligarh city. Sixth Chapter gives an insight of different levels of social well-being status of selected household in wards of Aligarh city. It also include an analyses to establish a relationship between infrastructural facilities and social well-being in the city.

In the end of the study some suggestions have been given, which may present a base for planning of infrastructure for social well-being development in the study area.