

# BUSINESS Brief

## Sculpting India's Smartcity Story

The concept of smart cities for India was mooted ten years ago. At this time, Tata Consulting Engineers had participated in a workshop with PowerGrid Corporation, to formulate infrastructure development, efficiencies in water management and power supply in cities. While the smart cities plan was formalised in 2014, TCE had developed capabilities in smart cities infrastructure, almost a decade ahead when the thought process was still taking shape. This enabled TCE to be the front-runners in smart city master plan and development.

The smart city program in India presently comprises two phases. The first phase involves the preparation of proposals for smart cities in consultation with municipal corporations and urban local bodies. TCE prepared several such proposals for smart cities in the country, is a critical deciding factor of the city to be developed into a smart city. In the second phase, the earmarked cities are moved for project implementation. The smart city program includes identification of infrastructure bottlenecks, citizen services, city planning aspects, air pollution and sustainability.

