

9. Discovering Tando Adam: The lost Paris of Sindh

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Located at a distance of 220 kilometers from Karachi is the town of Tando Adam once considered by many to be the Paris of Sindh chiefly because of its landscape. It is one of the oldest recognized municipalities of Sindh and was once a thriving conurbation having infrastructure and facilities that marveled people across the sub-continent.

This paper aims at retrieving the lost knowledge of extraordinary municipal planning and good governance hidden in the labyrinth of the old city which now lies in tatters. Special emphasis has been made on the initial town planning and the mechanism of working of the municipality. It is a retrospect of the city's prosperous era and reveals a huge repertoire of knowledge ranging from provision of basic utilities to the application of elementary engineering doctrines to disentangle minor glitches.

The paper puts forth in-depth analysis of the city's demise due to many political as well as socio-economic reasons. It reveals the sudden dip in prosperity during a certain time period which has been identified as the era during which maximum social, political and economic forfeiture was sustained by the city.

The paper in its concluding portion puts forth recommendations based on the research carried out that might place the city on track towards regaining its lost grandeur.