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WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER JNNURM 14 NOVEMBER 2011

The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) in association with National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) organized a workshop to review the Capacity Building Programmes for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) for the year 2012-13 at NIUA on 14 November 2011. The workshop was attended by thirty participants representing Ministry, JNNURM technical cell and various training organizations.

Ms. B.P. Sridevi, Director, MoUD welcomed the participants and briefly outlined the objective of the workshop. Ms. Nisha Singh, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, JNNURM, MoUD guided the deliberations of the workshop. She urged that urban training institutions need to develop and strengthen urban management skills and capacities in an earnest way so that city managers can govern their cities efficiently. She stressed on the need for effective orientation of elected representatives, as it would lead to better results and improved efficiency among ULB staff.

The participating institutions such as Administrative Training Institute (ATI) -Mysore, Regional Center for Urban And Environmental Studies- Hyderabad, All India Institute of Local Self Government-Mumbai, Yeshwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration-Pune, Indian Institute of Technology-

Madras and Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore presented a brief description of capacity building strategy to be undertaken by them for the coming year. The presentations were followed by floor interaction and open discussions.

EXPOSURE VISIT TO URBAN INITIATIVES IN AHMEDABAD 24-25 NOVEMBER 2011

A National Exposure Visit to Urban Initiatives to JNNURM Projects in Ahmedabad was conducted where a well performing city is visited by the cities who are keen on learning from that city with an objective to share and transfer capabilities.

In this connection, a two day workshop and exposure visit was organized for Mayors and Elected Members by Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) in collaboration with NIUA from 24-25th November 2011 at Ahmedabad. The cities that participated were Shimla; Indore; Jaipur; Gangtok; Puri and Bhubaneswar. There were two participants from each city. Representatives from Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, CEPT and NIUA were also present for the event.

Shri Asit Vora, Hon'ble Mayor welcomed all the participants of the workshop to Ahmedabad city. The first technical session consisted of various city representatives sharing their initiatives and challenges being faced.



Workshop on Capacity Building at NIUA





Shri Asit Vora, Hon'ble Mayor, Ahmedabad briefing about urban initiatives by the city



Glimpses of site visits to various projects like EWS housing, BRTS, Sabarmati river front, Ahmedabad



An overview of initiatives taken by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) in evolving as an organization with surplus finances for implementation of various development projects was given by Capt. Dilip Mahajan, Dy. Municipal Commissioner, AMC. A presentation was made by Mr. Debashish Nayak, Director, Centre for Heritage Management, Ahmedabad on the initiatives taken to preserve and improve the heritage potential of the city.

The participants visited few successful projects such as the Sabarmati Riverfront Development, E-Governance initiative, Kankaria lake front development, housing for EWS-Akhbarnagar, BRTS control room-West zone office, landfill site and sewage treatment plant at Pirana.

November 2011. The women Councilors participating in the event were from Ranchi, Raipur, Patna, Shimla and Gangtok Municipal Corporations.

Divided into two days, the first day consisted of delegates visiting different projects of PCMC like the E-Sividha, PCMC Hospitals under PWD, BRTS ongoing works, Sewerage



Exposure visits to various projects in Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad

EXPOSURE VISIT OF WOMEN COUNCILORS TO PUNE AND PIMPRI CHICHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION 28-29 NOVEMBER 2011

Exposure cum Group Workshops for Women Councilors from mission cities under JINURM was held under the PEARL Project at Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) in collaboration with YASHDA Pune on 28th and 29th



Treatment Plant, BSSUP Housing Project, Water Treatment Plant. On the second day the delegates visited PMC projects like the Rajiv Gandhi E-Learning School, Bhimsen Joshi Kala Dalan, Jogging Park and Butterfly Park by the central Nala, BRTS, Sewerage Treatment Plant and a visit to the artificial Pashan Lake.

Based on the exposure visit, some of the areas in which the participating cities gained knowledge are segregation of garbage, inculcating civic duties in the citizens, developing the areas in and around the central nalas or river fronts for public use and recreation, establishing city information systems and efficient transportation networks.

This was an enriching experience and motivated the delegates in bringing about change in their own cities.

**URBAN CAPACITY BUILDING AND
KNOWLEDGE SHARING FOR NORTH
EAST CITIES GROUP, GANGTOK
16 FEBRUARY 2012**

A workshop on urban capacity building and knowledge sharing for North East (NE) Cities Group was organized by MoUD, NIUA and CEPT at Gangtok on 16th February, 2012. It was attended by various political, executive staffs of ULBs and practitioners from Guwahati, Gangtok, Shillong, Aizwal, Kohima, Agartala and Itanagar. Besides the city personals, the conference was also attended by representatives of Cities Alliance, MoUD, CEPT and NIUA.

The conference was designed as an interactive session for covering city-city learning, use of information technology with special emphasis on challenges in urban management and urban capacity building in the North East cities of India.

The inaugural plenary was graced by Ms. Nisha Singh, MoUD, Mr. KN Topgay, Hon'ble Mayor-Gangtok, Mr. Anil Raj Rai, Municipal Commissioner, Gangtok, Mr. Thinlev P. Chankapa, Assistant Commissioner, Gangtok, Prof. VK Dhar, NIUA and Prof. Saswat Bandyopadhyay, CEPT.

After the inaugural plenary, Mr. Anil Raj Rai, mentioned that the local body of Gangtok Municipal Corporation was formed only last year therefore there is lack of clarity in jurisdiction and shortage of staff. He highlighted need of "Appropriate Institutions" in Sikkim to provide right guidance to the State. Mr. Topgay stated that current grant-in-aid is not sufficient for city management and urged that Government of India should give special assistance to North East.

Ms. Nisha Singh presented the inaugural address by mentioning that the challenge for "capacity building" can be addressed at higher level with proper attention. She expressed the need for formulation of State level Capacity Building Fund Plans. Special emphasis was being laid to the need of urban planners as Municipal Cadre, strengthen urban management cell in ATIs and revise training delivery mechanisms to cater present needs.

Ms. Singh stated that NE cities need "handholding" in information technology and accounting reforms for better governance. She clearly underlined the fact that Ministry is completely aware of the problems being faced by ULBs of this region and is trying to extend all possible support to better institutionalize the region. To conclude she added, that although several reforms have been achieved but more needs to be done by the State of Sikkim and the Gangtok Municipal Corporation.



Interactions during the workshop in Gangtok



Various officials from NE Cities under PEARL group viz. Aizwal, Agartala, Imphal, Guwahati and Gangtok shared their initiatives, experiences and issues in implementing the JNNURM projects and reforms.

Prof. Shrawan Acharya, CEPT talked on the issues and incorporations required for next generation CDP's. He emphasized on vulnerability to disasters in Hill cities and need for multi hazard risk assessment in the CDP's. Inclusion of heritage, urban renewal strategies also need to be strengthened along-with capacity building to make them more contextual.

In the closing session various suggestions were made by the participant's which included need for creation of special institutions which can address urban issues specifically for North East cities, developing CDP's more contextual to the issues of the region, standards, guidelines and toolkits to be specific as per the city needs.

**TRAINING-CUM-EXPOSURE VISIT
FOR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE
26-29 FEBRUARY 2012**

Training-cum-Exposure visit of the Elected Representative and the ULB officials from JNNURM cities and towns of North East States and Jammu & Kashmir was organized by NIUA in collaboration with the State Institute for Urban Development (SIUD), ATI Mysore from 26-29th February 2012. The objectives of the Exposure visit was to show case the works undertaken by the implementing agencies of JNNURM in Mysore and Bangalore.

There were thirteen participants from Manipur, Assam, Mizoram, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir. The Elected Representatives included Mayor from Sikkim, Former Mayor, Councilors, Commissioners and Engineers from ULBs.

The Training Programme was inaugurated by Shri. Prem Narayan, Director, MoUD. He explained the main features of JNNURM and the lessons learnt in first phase. He stressed that capacity building is crucial before launching any new schemes and in this direction he lauded the efforts of SIUD in training the ULB officials.



Participants of Exposure visit at Mysore and Bangalore

Shri. Raykar, Commissioner, Mysore City Corporation (MCC), briefly mentioned the projects of JNNURM and new initiatives of zero waste management, supply of drinking water and GPS.

The delegates visited different projects of MCC like the waste water treatment, landfill sites, zero waste management, ring road works under taken by Mysore Urban Development Agency, Inter-Modal Transit Centre & ITC undertaken by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, heritage structure and slum redevelopment and rehabilitation work at Sathagalli. The delegates also visited Bangalore Mahanagar Palike projects like the Cubbon Park, rehabilitation slum colony known as Jasma Bhawan, vishshwariah rain water Information cum demonstration centre at Jayanagar, municipal reforms centre at Rajajinagar and satellite bus terminal at Yelahanka.

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- ▶ Best Practices/ Projects,
- ▶ Links to the Central Government Organizations, ULBs, Development Authorities, etc
- ▶ Data Resources on policies, statistics related to urban India,
- ▶ Provides information on JNNURM – status of urban reforms, and projects,
- ▶ PEARL Newsletter, publications and activities under pearl programme.



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