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## Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies, Lucknow

### Capacity Building Activities under Ministry of Urban Development, GOI

#### Advisory Committee Meeting

#### LUCKNOW

Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow organized the Advisory Committee meeting on May 12, 2014. The main agenda of the meeting was to review the academic activities undertaken by the Regional Centre during the year 2013-14. The Committee was satisfied by the overall performance of the Centre.

The meeting was chaired by Sri S.P. Singh, Chairman Advisory Committee (Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh), convened by Prof. Nishith Rai (Director, RCUES Lucknow) and Dr. Rajeev Narayan (Deputy Director, RCUES Lucknow) was the Member Secretary.

The members of the advisory committee who participated in the meeting were Sri Anoop Kumar Saxena (Director, C&DS, U.P. Jal Nigam), Sri P.K.Sinha (Chief Engineer, U.P. Jal Nigam), Sri Avinash Krishna Singh (Joint Director, Local Bodies, Government of U.P), Senior Faculty Members of RCUES, Dr. Anjali Mishra (Joint Director), Dr. Alka Singh (Dy. Director), Dr. A.K. Singh (Assistant Director), Dr. Nasruddin (Assistant Director), Mr Himanshu Chandra (Assistant Director),

Mr Ajit Kumar Mishra (Assistant Director) and Ms. Rachna Rishi ( Publication Officer) were also present in the Meeting.

The committee also discussed and approved the list of proposed academic activities for the year 2014-15. The Committee observed that the proposal contained wide range of relevant topics relating to urban management, keeping in view the changing role that the urban local bodies are expected to play in the present scenario of providing quality services to its citizens, specially the urban poor. The committee approved the proposals of the Centre.



Prof. Nishith Rai, Director RCUES Lucknow welcoming the chairman of the Advisory Committee, Sri S.P. Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh

#### Climate Change and Its Impact on Urban Environment

#### LUCKNOW

The Regional Centre organized a one day workshop on 'Climate Change and Its Impact on Urban Environment' for the officials of urban local governments, NGOs and Academicians on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 in Lucknow.

The main objectives of the workshop were:

- To discuss the issues and dimensions of climate change and urban environment;
- To highlight the causes and consequences of climate change in urban areas;
- To discuss the dynamics of urban environment and its linkages with changing climate due to global warming;
- To highlight the impact of climate change on natural disasters in urban areas;
- To discuss the policy imperatives and legal framework for addressing climate change and its impact;
- To suggest suitable policy measures for managing climate change and its impact in urban areas.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director, RCUES, Lucknow. In her inaugural address, she highlighted the need and

importance of the subject of training programme. She said that climate change has vast impact on urban environment and therefore, urban local governments need to evolve suitable strategies for addressing the issues of climate change in the context of urban environment. In the programme, 46 municipal officials from urban local bodies of Uttar Pradesh and other stakeholders participated. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director and Dr. A.K. Singh, Asst. Director, RCUES, Lucknow.



Participants attending the State Level Training Programme.

### Training programme On Double Entry Accounting System in Urban Administration

NAINITAL

A two day residential Training Programme was organized by the Regional Centre, at Nainital on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

The main objectives of the programme were:

- To familiarize the participants with the need & importance of Double Entry Accounting System.
- To acquaint the participants with the provisions of the National DEAS manual and Fixed Asset Valuation Manual.
- To aware the participants with the basic DEAS principals & procedures.

The participants of the training programme consisted of newly appointed Executive officers and Accountants of Uttarakhand. There were 14 participants in the programme.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Rajeev Narayan, Dy. Director and assisted by Dr. Nasruddin, Asst. Director.



Participants & Faculty of the Training Programme.

### Training programme On Rainwater Harvesting

LUCKNOW

A two day training programme on Rain Water Harvesting was organized in Lucknow on August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the officials of Urban Local Bodies and Development Authorities of Uttar Pradesh.

The major objectives of the programme were as under:

- To acquaint the participants with the grave situation arising out of the depleting ground water level.
- To highlight the need and importance of water conservation and augmentation of the ground water resources;
- To discuss the various techniques of rain water harvesting;
- To emphasize upon the community and private sector participation in water conservation;

The session was inaugurated by Sri A.K. Gupta, Additional Director of the Centre. During his interaction with the participants he emphasized that public participation is the most vital component for successful implementation of rainwater harvesting. He focused that the community needs to be educated and informed about the various techniques of water conservation. He encouraged the participants to motivate the citizens to check

the misuse and wastage of water.

The participants of the training programme included Engineers of Development Authority, Nagar Nigam, Nagar Palika Parishad of Uttar Pradesh. There were 21 participants in the programme.

The programmes were conducted by Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director, RCUES, Lucknow - Course Director; Dr. Awadhesh Kumar Singh, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow and Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, Asst. Director, RCUES, Lucknow.



L to R: Dr. A.K. Singh, Assistant Director; Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director; Er. A. K. Gupta, Additional Director & Dr. Alka Singh, Deputy Director

### Training Programme on Public Private Partnership in Municipal Services

BHUBANESHWAR

In order to derive the advantage inherent in public sector as well as private sector enterprises, the role of public-private partnership is considered to have great potential in some important areas in delivery of municipal services. The partnership fall into five main categories viz. (i) contract services; (ii) privatization of services; (iii) designing, constructions and operation of facilities; (iv) project financing & (v) merchant facilities. The partnership in municipal services is expected to reduce cost of maintenance, increase efficiency and timely completion of new projects while community participation in operation and maintenance of services is expected to be of great importance.

Keeping in view the importance of the above mentioned subject a two day Training Programme on "Public Private Partnership in Municipal Services" was organized by the Regional Centre, at Bhubaneswar w.e.f. 6th-7th August 2014.

The main objectives of the programme were:

- To review the status of municipal services;
- To acquaint the participants with need and importance of Public Private Partnerships in Urban Governance;
- To assess the scope of public private partnership in delivery of municipal services;
- To examine the role and scope for project financing by private-sector;
- To highlight the importance and scope of privatization of services;
- To examine the problems, constraints and challenges in project financing and maintenance of municipal services;
- To suggest measures for enhancing the quality and efficiency in delivery of services and promoting equity as well as partnership in maintenance of municipal services.

The participants of the training programme consisted of Elected Representatives, Municipal Commissioners, Executive officers, Engineers and Experts from Odisha Govt. In all there were 25 participants in the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Sri Sanjib Kumar Mishra, Director Municipal Administration, H&UD Department, Government of Odisha. Dr. Rajeev Narayan, Dy. Director & Course Director welcomed the guests & briefed about the programme.

The Chief guest Sri Sanjib Kumar Mishra, Director Municipal Administration, H&UD Department, Government of Odisha in his inaugural address said that as the local governments financial health is not good, hence for providing good urban services & infrastructure it is necessary to have Public Private Partnerships. He further said that real PPP is in which the private sector invests funds and is not merely responsible for operation & maintenance of facility/service. He also informed that number of projects are being initiated in the state on PPP mode for e.g. Regional Landfill Site is being started for Bhubaneswar & Cuttack and Street Lighting at Bhubaneswar.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Rajeev Narayan, Dy. Director and assisted by Dr. Nasruddin, Asst. Director.



Sri Sanjib Kumar Mishra, Director Municipal Admn, H&UD Department, Govt of Odisha inaugurating the programme along with Sri B. C. Mohapatra, PD-cum-Joint Secretary, H&UD Department, Govt. of Odisha

**BHILAI****Workshop on Solid Waste Management in Urban Local Bodies**

A two day Workshop on Solid Waste Management in Urban Local Bodies was organized at Bhilai, Chhattisgarh on 26th & 27th August 2014. The major objectives of the programme were :

- to familiarize the participants with the concept of solid waste management;
- to highlight the problems of solid waste management and its impact on urban environment;
- to assess the scope of public private partnership in urban waste management;
- to discuss the legal and policy issues



Participants & Faculty of the Training Programme.

related to management of solid waste to review the various waste management options and best practices; to focus on the concept of Regional Solid Waste Management. The programme was inaugurated by Sri Neelopal Tiwari, O.S.D SUDA, Government of Chhattisgarh. The participants of the workshop included Chief Municipal Officers, Executive Engineers, Health Officers, Senior Sanitary Inspectors and Nodal Officers of Urban Local Bodies of Chhattisgarh. In all 39 participants attended the programme. The programmes were conducted by Dr. Alka Singh, Dy. Director and Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, Asst. Director, RCUES, Lucknow.

**KORBA****Workshop on Managing Urban Sanitation in Urban Local Bodies**

A two day Workshop on Managing Urban Sanitation in Urban Local Bodies was organized at Korba, Chhattisgarh on 29th & 30th August 2014. The major objectives of the programme were to highlight the problems of Urban Sanitation and its impact on urban environment; to examine the role of community participation in

- U r b a n Sanitation, to discuss various strategies for designing effective urban W A S H programme, to



Participants & Faculty of the Training Programme during field visit.

discuss National & State Sanitation policies, to orient participants regarding preparation & implementation of City Sanitation Plans. The programme was inaugurated by Sri Alok Chandravanshi, Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Korba, Chhattisgarh. As part of the workshop the participants were taken for a field visit to study the successful model of treatment, reuse and recycle of waste water at NTPC Plant, Korba, Chhattisgarh. The participants at the workshop included Chief Municipal Officers, Executive Engineers, Health Officers, Senior Sanitary Inspectors and Nodal Officers in charge of Urban Sanitation in Urban Local Bodies of Chhattisgarh. In all 62 participants attended the programme. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Alka Singh, Dy. Director and Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, Asst. Director, RCUES, Lucknow.

**PATNA****Workshop on Urban Water Supply & Sewerage Management**

A two-day training programme on 'Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Management' for the officials of urban local governments at Patna was organised on September 9-10, 2014. The main objectives of the training programme were as follows:

- To discuss the status, issues and challenges of urban water supply and sewerage management;
- To highlight the water sector reforms and benchmarking of water supply and sewerage services;



Sri A. K. Gupta Additional Director and Dr. Anjali Mishra, Jt. Director, RCUES, Lucknow distributing certificates to the participants.

- To familiarize the participants with the concept of decentralized waste water treatment, recycling and reuse;
- To assess the

role of public private partnership in urban water supply and sewerage management;

- To highlight the best practices on urban water supply, waste water treatment, sewerage services, public private partnership in water supply and sewerage projects and community participation in urban sanitation;

- To suggest suitable technologies and policy measures for effective delivery of water and sewerage services by local governments.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri A. K. Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES, Lucknow. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the relevance of water supply and sewerage management. He said that the municipal body should be service oriented rather than administrators. In the programme, 31 municipal officials participated. Dr. Anjali Mishra, Jt. Director with active support from Dr. A.K. Singh, Asst. Director, RCUES, Lucknow, coordinated the programme.

**RANCHI****Urban Planning for Sustainable Development**

A two day Regional level training programme on Urban Planning for Sustainable Development was organized by RCUES, Lucknow on September 16-17, 2014 at Ranchi, Jharkhand. The main objective of the programme was to discuss the pertinent issues and dimensions of urban planning for

- sustainable development. Overall, 40 municipal officials including Executive Officers, Town Planners and Engineers of



Sri S. B. Mishra, Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Urban Development, Govt. of Jharkhand along with Sri A K Gupta, Additional Director and Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Asst. Director, RCUES, Lucknow at the inaugural session

urban local bodies and parastatal agencies participated in the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Shri S. B. Mishra Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Urban Development, Government of Jharkhand. Shri P. K. Pal, Assistant Director, Dept. of Urban Development, Government of Jharkhand also graced the occasion. Shri A. K. Gupta, Additional Director, Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow, while addressing the participants and dignitaries of the programme, highlighted the growing importance of urban planning in the changing paradigms of urban development and governance, while Shri S. B. Mishra focused on the imperatives of urban planning as growing urbanization has posed challenges for urban planners. The programme was coordinated by Dr. A. K. Singh, Assistant Director with active support of Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Master Plan Formulation Using Bhuvan-NUIS**

RCUES was represented at both National & Regional Level one day workshop for Stakeholders On "Master Plan Formulation Using Bhuvan-NUIS" by Sri Himanshu Chandra, Asst. Director on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at NRSC/ISRO, Hyderabad and Dr. Nasruddin, Asst. Director on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at IIRS/ISRO, Dehradun, respectively.

**National Conference of Street Vendors**

National Conference of Street Vendors was organized by NASVI on August 27, 2014. Er. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow attended the Conference. He delivered a speech on the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014

**Training on Septage Management: Towards City Wide Sanitation**

A three day workshop was organized by Centre for Science & Environment from September 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Sri Ajit Kumar Mishra, Asst. Director, RCUES Lucknow attended the workshop. The main aim was to develop knowledge, skills and attitude of city officials for mainstreaming the reforms and best management practices.

**Workshop on Issues & Challenges of Urban/ Local Administration**

Deendayal Upadhyaya State Institute of Rural Development organized a workshop for the officials of central government on the topic of Issues and Challenges of Urban /Local Administration on September 15, 2014. Er. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow attended the workshop and took a Technical session related to Urban Development.

**Training on Urban Lake Management: Towards Water and Environment Sustainability**

A three day work shop was organized by Centre for Science & Environment from September 22 to 24, 2014. Dr. Alka Singh, Deputy Director, RCUES Lucknow attended the workshop. The main aim was to impart Improved knowledge on urban lake management.

## Achievements

- RCUES Lucknow has been designated as Resources Partner by the Department of Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh for the implementation of Comprehensive Capacity Building Programme (CCBP) under the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.
- The Centre has been nominated as Advisor in the field of Solid Waste Management for the State of Jharkhand.
- RCUES Lucknow has been nominated as Resource Centre to provide training and Capacity Building of Street Vendors under NULM by SUDA Uttar Pradesh.

## New Initiatives

- RCUES Lucknow has submitted a Project to Bhopal Municipal Corporation on Pilot basis in the field of Bio-Energy for solving energy & environmental pollution problems.
- RCUES Lucknow has entered into a MoU with CSIR-NEERI to augment the technical capacity of the Centre in the field of environmental engineering.
- The Centre has initiated seven Research Studies on various subjects in the field of urban management covering different states.
- RCUES Lucknow has initiated the process of empanelment of agencies/individuals/firms in 25 thrusts areas of urban management & governance to create a pool of capacity that can provide technical support to implement various projects in the field of urban sector and to help ULBs to design, structure, and manage various urban development schemes/ programmes effectively in cities and towns.

## Governing Council Meeting

The meeting of the Governing Council was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 in the office of the Vice Chancellor, Lucknow University & Chairman of the Governing Council. The meeting was attended by officials of the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and State Government.

## Workshop on Property Tax Self Assessment System

A one day orientation programme on Property Tax Self Assessment System was organized by the Centre for the district officials of ULBs from Ferozabad on September 26, 2014. Er. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow did a presentation on the implementation of Property Tax. In all 70 participants attended the workshop.

## Urban News

**Swachhh Bharat Abhiyaan**

The Ministry of Urban Development, as a part of the Swachhh Bharat initiative, plans to work towards eliminating open defecation and give access to toilets in 40+1 census towns.

The focus will be on enabling effective measures against discharge of untreated waste water into surface and ground water.

## Regional Centre for Urban &amp; Environmental Studies, Lucknow



Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies (RCUES) Lucknow is one of the four centers in the country established by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. It was established at University of Lucknow in the year 1968. The Regional Centre provides expertise, advisory services & consultancy services to urban local bodies and Parastatals.

## Upcoming Campus of RCUES, at Indira Nagar, Lucknow

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