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Capacity Building Activities under Ministry of Urban Development, GOI

Orientation Workshop on Urban Development Schemes for Elected Representatives of ULBs

LUCKNOW

Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies, Lucknow organized two one day Orientation Workshop on Urban Development Schemes for Elected Representatives of ULBs of Uttar Pradesh on July 4, 2016 and September 28, 2016 at Lucknow. The main objectives of the programme were: to acquaint the participants with the need, importance and implementation strategy of AMRUT Mission, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, National Urban Livelihood Mission and Housing For All; to acquaint the participants with need & importance of Reforms under AMRUT; to aware the participants with the Concept & Methodology of E- Governance.

In all 11 and 8 Elected Representatives from

the ULBs of Uttar Pradesh attended the programmes on July 4, 2016 and September 28, 2016 respectively. Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director and Dr. A. K. Singh, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow jointly coordinated the programmes.



Participants during training session

Municipal Resource Mobilization through Self Assessment System of Property Tax

LUCKNOW

Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES) Lucknow organized a one day training programme on Municipal Resource Mobilization through Self Assessment System of property Tax at Lucknow on September 20, 2016. The programme was inaugurated by Sri A. K. Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES, Lucknow. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the relevance and importance of the topic of the workshop. The programme was attended by 26 senior officers, who included Executive Officer, Joint Magistrates, Tax Superintendent, Tax Assessment Officers of Nagar Palika Parishads of U.P. Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint

Director and Sri Ajit Mishra, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow jointly coordinated the programme.



Participants during training session

URBAN NEWS

U.P. felicitated with Performance Incentive under AMRUT

Uttar Pradesh has been among the 20 States which were felicitated by Minister of Urban Development M.Venkaiiah Naidu with performance incentive for promoting urban reforms under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) during 2015-16. The focus of reforms during 2015-16 was on e-governance, Double Entry Accounting, collection of user charges and municipal taxes, water and energy audit, single window clearances. 23 States/UTs applied to the Ministry of Urban Development. After verification of claims States/UT scoring 70 per cent marks were identified for giving reform incentive.

Third List of SMART CITIES announced

27 new smart cities have been selected in a competition among 63 cities by the Minister of Urban Development. Eight other cities of pilgrim and tourism importance that made to the third list of smart cities are; Ujjain, Tirupati, Agra, Nashik, Madurai, Thanjavur, Ajmer and Varanasi. With this, the number of cities selected under Smart City Mission for financing implementation of smart city plans has gone up to 60. The new list of 27 smart cities announced are from 12 states including five from Maharashtra, four each from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, three from Uttar Pradesh and two each from Punjab and Rajasthan. Nagaland and Sikkim have made it to the smart city list for the first time.

Activities under AMRUT, Ministry of Urban Development, GOI

Orientation training programmes under AMRUT

LUCKNOW

The Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies, Lucknow under the auspices of Ministry of Urban Development organised three days orientation training programmes for the officials of Uttar Pradesh. The main objectives of the programmes was to discuss and deliberate on the issues, dimensions and aspects of AMRUT Mission including need and importance of mission, reforms, concept and methodology of SLIP & SAAP, convergence and good practices in water supply, sewerage and septage management, non-motorized urban transportation, development of open spaces and parks and storm water drainage. During this quarter 33 training programmes were conducted in which 636 participants were trained. The list of the training programmes is as follows:

Snapshots of the Training Sessions organized by the Centre from July– September 2016



LIST OF ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAMMES UNDER AMRUT FOR THE OFFICIALS OF UTTAR PRADESH IN LUCKNOW

| Dates | No. of Participants |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| July 11-13, 2016 | 14 |
| July 11-13, 2016 | 9 |
| July 14-16, 2016 | 25 |
| July 14-16, 2016 | 14 |
| 18-20 July, 2016 | 29 |
| 18-20 July, 2016 | 25 |
| 21-23 July, 2016 | 19 |
| 21-23 July, 2016 | 17 |
| 25-27 July, 2016 | 24 |
| 25-27 July, 2016 | 11 |
| 28-30 July, 2016 | 25 |
| 28-30 July, 2016 | 26 |
| 01-03 Aug, 2016 | 19 |
| 01-03 Aug, 2016 | 25 |
| 04-06 Aug, 2016 | 25 |
| 04-06 Aug, 2016 | 16 |
| 08-10 Aug, 2016 | 20 |
| 08-10 Aug, 2016 | 6 |
| 22-24 Aug, 2016 | 18 |
| 22-24 Aug, 2016 | 15 |
| 29-31 Aug, 2016 | 20 |
| 29-31 Aug, 2016 | 13 |
| 01-03 September, 2016 | 23 |
| 01-03 September, 2016 | 25 |
| 05-07 September, 2016 | 14 |
| 05-07 September, 2016 | 20 |
| 19-21 September, 2016 | 22 |
| 19-21 September, 2016 | 22 |
| 22-24 September, 2016 | 23 |
| 22-24 September, 2016 | 23 |
| 26-28 September, 2016 | 15 |
| 26-28 September, 2016 | 14 |

Training Programme under AMRUT on Infrastructure Development and PPP

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RCUES Lucknow organized a three day Training Programme under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) on Infrastructure Development and Public Private Partnership was organized for the Municipal Officials of Jharkhand on June 30– July 02, 2016 at Ranchi. The course content focused on the planning and designing of water supply, sewerage and septage, storm water system, solid waste management, PPP projects, project life cycle and finance. The participants of the Training Programme included City Managers, Engineers, and Urban Planners of Urban Local Bodies of Jharkhand. In all 20 participants attended the training programme. The programme was coordinated by Dr. A. K. Singh, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow.

Capacity Building Activities under National Urban Livelihoods Mission

Orientation Training Programmes on DAY-NULM for Community Organisers

LUCKNOW

The Regional Centre organized four two days Orientation Training Programmes for Community Organizers under DAY-NULM of Uttar Pradesh in Lucknow. These programmes were held under the auspices of the State Urban Development Agency, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. The main objectives of the above training programmes were: to orient the participants with; National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) and provide a platform for meeting, interacting and mutual experience sharing to various key stakeholders concerned with implementation National Urban Livelihood Mission. The Second objective of the Workshop is to sensitize towards Role and Responsibilities for various Stakeholders under National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM). The programmes were attended respectively by 31, 39, 33 and 38 Community Organizers under DAY-NULM of Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director and Sri Ajit Mishra, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow, jointly coordinated the programmes.

LIST OF ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAMMES ON DAY-NULM FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISERS

| Dates | No. of Participants |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 16-17 Aug, 2016 | 31 |
| 19-20 Aug, 2016 | 39 |
| 26-27 Aug, 2016 | 33 |
| 08-09 Sept, 2016 | 38 |



Training sessions in progress

Forthcoming Activities: Quarter III

LIST OF FORTHCOMING WORKSHOPS UNDER AMRUT

| Dates | Topics | Venue |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|
| REGIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP | | |
| Dec 17, 2016 | Regional Level Workshop on Issues in Implementation of Reforms & Way Forward under AMRUT | Agra, U.P. |
| STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP | | |
| Oct 7, 2016 | State Level Workshop on Status & Issues in Infrastructure Development & Service Delivery under AMRUT | Lucknow, U.P. |
| Nov 5, 2016 | State Level Workshop on Technology Options for Revenue Enhancement in Urban Local Bodies | Lucknow, U.P. |

LIST OF FORTHCOMING TRAININGS UNDER AMRUT CAPSULE-2

| Dates | Topics | No. of Programmes |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| 21-23 Nov, 2016 | Training Programme on Solid Waste Management, Sewerage, Septage and Drainage Management | 2 |
| 28-30 Nov, 2016 | Training Programme on Office Management, Computer & soft skills | 2 |
| 01-03 Dec, 2016 | Training Programme on Municipal Resource Mobilization, Financial Planning & Management | 2 |
| 05-07 Dec, 2016 | Training Programme on Water Supply, Sewerage & Septage Management and Drainage | 2 |
| 19-21 Dec, 2016 | Training Programme on Office Management, Computer & soft skills | 1 |
| 19-21 Dec, 2016 | Training Programme on Water Supply, Sewerage, Septage Management and Drainage | 1 |
| 26-28 Dec, 2016 | Training Programme on Office Management, Computer & soft skills | 2 |
| 29-31 Dec, 2016 | Training Programme on Municipal Resource Mobilization, Financial Planning & Management | 2 |

LIST OF FORTHCOMING ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAMME UNDER AMRUT FOR CHANDIGARH- CAPSULE 1

| Dates | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 03-05 Oct, 2016 | 05-07 Dec, 2016 |
| 24-26 Oct, 2016 | 19-21 Dec, 2016 |
| 07-09 Nov, 2016 | 26-28 Dec, 2016 |
| 28-30 Nov, 2016 | |

STAFF NEWS

- Er. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow participated in the National Workshop on Fecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) in New Delhi organized by Ministry of Urban Development, GoI on 9th Sept, 2016.
- Er. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow attended a two day long Capacity Building Workshop on Best Practices in Public Financing (Public Private Partnership) of Urban Infrastructure on July 21-22, 2016 in New Delhi organized by Temasek Foundation (TF) and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) and NITI Aayog.
- Er. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow has successfully completed 23 online E-Courses under Swachh Bharat Mission.

URBAN NEWS

Urban Development Minister launches Swachh Survekshan of 500 cities

Minister of Urban Development M Venkaiah Naidu has launched 'Swachh Survekshan-2017' to assess and rank 500 cities and towns based on levels of sanitation and efforts made by respective urban local bodies and also to capture progress towards achieving 'Open Defecation Free' status. Various publications and mobile applications to help the 500 cities and towns prepare for the survey to be conducted in January next year are also released. Cities would be ranked based on the reports by urban local bodies on the progress made towards construction of toilets, feedback of citizens and independent observation of sanitation levels. Cities with a population of one lakh and above each, heritage and tourism cities, capital cities with less than one lakh population are included in this survey, the second since the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission. A web portal 'Swachhata App' and 'Swachhata Helpline 1969' are also launched to enable citizens' associate more and more with Swachh Bharat Mission in urban areas.

India's first green rail corridor launched

The nation's first Green Rail Corridor, an 114-km long Rameswaram-Manamadurai stretch in Tamil Nadu which ensures zero toilet discharge on rail tracks has been launched. Trains in the section have been equipped with bio-toilets in order to ensure zero discharge of human waste on the rail tracks. Till March 2016, a total of 35,104 bio toilets had been provided and since then 7,000 more new bio-toilets have been made operational.

Research validates usage of waste for highway construction

The CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) recently conducted a study to verify whether Solid Waste Material generated from Municipal/City waste can be utilised for highway construction. They collected 70 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste from different locations from Ghazipur landfill site of Municipal Corporation of Delhi and recommended that the municipal solid waste contains about 65 to 70% of Soil components which can be used in embankment construction after segregation from the municipal solid waste. This initiative of NHAI shall promote the construction of Green Highways in the country as it amounts to the substantial replacement of natural earth, mining of which causes environmental problems.

A chemistry professor constructs 5,000 km of roads in India using plastic litter

Madurai-based Rajagopalan Vasudevan, who is also known as the 'Plastic Man of India,' has devised a method to transform common plastic litter such as wrappers, bottles, thicker acrylics and grocery bags into a substitute for bitumen asphalt. To date, more than 5,000 kilometres (3,000 miles) of plastic roads have been laid in at least 11 States in India. The key advantage of Vasudevan's method is that it can accommodate the multilayered wrappings which are often used to pack snacks such as chips and cookies. These wrappings that are impossible to recycle make up a major contribution to India's waste problem. With the help of this method, these plastic garbages can be shredded and reused in roads. Additionally, the technology needs no interference from strong machinery. They can be created in warehouses and then installed onto pathways directly. It does not require significant technical knowledge or large investments to transform plastic into bitumen asphalt. Nor does it need any changes to existing road-laying procedures. While Vasudevan's university has patented the technology, it has been licensed for free. His innovation also got recognition from some state governments and government bodies such as the Central Pollution Control Board and Indian Roads Congress.

Swachh Bharat honours Citizen Swachhata Champions

The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS), Government of India, has launched a short film series on the Swachh Bharat people's movement titled, 'An Open Mind,' in honour of sanitation champions across the country who are driving positive behaviour change in their communities by helping eliminate open defecation and adopt safe sanitation practices. The five short films showcase real-life stories of individuals from different walks of life who have made the Swachh Bharat mission their own by adopting innovative ideas to encourage the use of toilets in their communities and adopt safe waste treatment practices. These stories are examples of a wider citizens movement across the country to encourage the adoption of safe sanitation practices and realise the dream of an Open Defecation Free India by 2019.

Master plan prepared for making Chandigarh a Model Solar City

A master plan for making Chandigarh a Model Solar City has been prepared under the 'Development of Solar Cities' programme of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The solar city cell has also been established. UT Administration, Chandigarh has empaneled 48 Solar Power Aggregators from whom any resident of Chandigarh can install Rooftop Solar Power Plant and can avail 30% subsidy. Solar rooftop power plants of aggregate 7.70 MWp capacity are installed on 145 Government buildings till May 2016 in this city.

MNRE to set up one lakh family type biogas plants for FY 2016-17

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing a National Biogas and Manure Management Programme (NBMMP) for setting up family type biogas plants in the country. The objective of the scheme is to provide clean gaseous fuel for cooking and organic bio-manure as a by-product in the form of biogas plant left over slurry, which contains higher values of Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (N, P&K). With this objective MNRE has allocated to the States /UTs an annual target of setting up one lakh family size biogas plants (1 m³ to 6 m³ capacity) for the current year, 2016-17.

BUILDING CAPACITIES OF CITY MANAGERS FOR ACHIEVING GOOD URBAN GOVERNANCE

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