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ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF UTTAR PRADESH UNDER AMRUT 2.0

BACKGROUND

AMRUT 2.0 is a step towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat with aim of making the cities 'water secure' and providing functional water tap connections to all households. This will be achieved through circular economy of water by effecting water source conservation, rejuvenation of water bodies and wells, recycle/ reuse of treated used water, and rainwater harvesting by involving community at large. This Mission will be run as people's program i.e. Jan Aandolan. Mission also targets to provide 100% sewage/ septage management in 500 AMRUT cities. Mission will focus on empowering States/ UTs and cities for efficient implementation of projects in the spirit of cooperative and competitive federalism by providing flexibility to the States/ UTs to formulate, plan and implement the projects. CA released can be utilized for projects in any of the ULBs as per physical/ financial progress of the projects. In this context, Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES) Lucknow successfully conducted 06, two day Orientation Training Programme under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 for Elected Representatives of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The primary objectives of the Orientation Training Programme were as follows:

List of Trainings		
Date	No of Participants	Coordinator
02-03 July, 2025	31	Dr. Anjuli Mishra
14-15 July, 2025	21	Mr. Ajit Kumar
21-22 July, 2025	32	Mr. Ajit Kumar
23-24 July, 2025	22	Dr. Alka Singh
12-13 August, 2025	31	Mr. Ajit Kumar
18-19 August, 2025	33	Dr. Alka Singh

- To provide a comprehensive understanding of the AMRUT 2.0 mission and its goals.
- To equip elected representatives with the knowledge required for effective project planning, implementation, and monitoring.
- To enhance their skills in managing urban infrastructure and resources.
- To encourage collaboration and synergy between different levels of government, urban local bodies, and other stakeholders.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

The Orientation Training Programme for Elected Representatives of Uttar Pradesh under AMRUT



2.0 was designed to provide essential knowledge and skills to the elected officials responsible for urban development and transformation in the state. This program aimed to empower these representatives to effectively contribute to the successful implementation of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0. The sessions included:

- Comprehensive review of the objectives and scope of AMRUT 2.0.
- Discussion of the key differences between



AMRUT 1.0 and 2.0.

- Strategies for effective implementation and adherence to the updated guidelines.

Urban Reforms:

- Exploration of essential reform areas, including financial sustainability, service-level benchmarks, and governance reforms.
- Insights into implementing urban reforms successfully, including compliance with regulations and standards.

Payjal Sarvekshan (Water Quality Assessment):

- The importance of water quality assessments for safeguarding public health and environmental sustainability.
- Practical guidance on conducting water quality assessments in urban areas.



Water Supply Infrastructure:

- Detailed sessions on planning and designing sustainable water supply systems.
- Strategies for ensuring equitable and continuous water distribution.
- Emphasis on water conservation and demand management.

Septage Management:

- The critical role of effective septage management for sanitation and environmental health.
- In-depth coverage of septage collection, treatment, and disposal methods.
- Discussion on policy and regulatory aspects of septage management.

The sessions on AMRUT 2.0 guidelines, reforms, Payjal Sarvekshan, water supply, and septage management served as a valuable platform for sharing knowledge and insights into critical aspects of urban development. These sessions equipped participants with the information and tools needed to contribute effectively to the successful implementation of AMRUT 2.0, ensuring sustainable urban growth and improved water supply management. These learning's and best practices are expected to play a pivotal role in achieving the goals set forth by the AMRUT 2.0 initiative in urban areas.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 170 elected representatives from Uttar Pradesh participated in the training programme.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SANITATION SERVICES

The Centre organized two one-day training program for the supervisory staff of private agencies providing sanitation services to various government and private organizations. The program was sponsored by the participating agencies. Participants from six agencies attended, including True Solutions Lucknow, Sun Facility Services Pvt. Ltd., A.N. Kapoor Janitors Pvt. Ltd., Prime Cleaning Services, Nirmal Facilities Management Services Pvt. Ltd., and Sub Facilities Management Services Pvt. Ltd. A total of 53 participants took part in the workshop.

The program was conducted in a hybrid format, with external expert Shri Sunil Kapoor, a consultant, joining online from Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The aim of the program was to acquaint participants with the importance of the Swachh Bharat Mission and the role of private organizations in supporting it. Additionally, the participants were informed about various

List of Trainings	
Date	No of Participants
04-Jul-25	27
17-Jul-25	26

government guidelines and trained in the use of modern techniques and equipment to maximize staff efficiency. The program was coordinated by Dr. Rajeev Narayan, Joint Director, RCUES, Lucknow.



ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF MUNICIPAL BODIES OF UTTAR PRADESH UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION 2.0

BACKGROUND

The Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow, successfully organized a series of two Training Programmes for Elected Representatives of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Uttar Pradesh under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) 2.0. Held with the objective of enhancing leadership capacity and promoting informed decision-making at the local level, the sessions were specially curated for Mayors, Chairpersons, Councillors, and members of Nagar Panchayats. The training aimed to empower elected representatives to effectively guide and support sanitation and waste management efforts in their respective cities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The primary objectives of the workshop were

- Provide a comprehensive understanding of SBM 2.0 provisions and focus areas.
- Build capacity to implement sustainable and inclusive sanitation strategies.
- Encourage active community participation and behavioral change through effective IEC.
- Share successful case studies and promote replicable models in solid waste and wastewater management.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The training sessions covered the following key areas:

- SBM 2.0 – Overview and Provisions
- Solid Waste Management
- Introduction and Solid Waste Management Rules
- Door-to-Door Collection, Segregation, and

List of Trainings	
Date	No of Participants
24-25 July, 2025	12
30-31 July, 2025	15

Transportation

- Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and its Operation
- Legacy Waste Management
- Fecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM)
- Used Water Management and Reuse of Treated Water
- Swachh Survekshan – Framework, assessment parameters, and performance improvement strategies
- Community Participation and IEC – Role of public engagement in ensuring the success of SBM 2.0 initiatives

The sessions emphasized practical, city-level approaches and the leadership role of elected representatives in transforming urban sanitation practices.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 27 elected representatives from Uttar Pradesh participated in the training programme.

COORDINATOR

The trainings were jointly coordinated by Dr. Rajeev Narayan, Joint Director & Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES Lucknow.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE, SEPTAGE & DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT (CAPSULE-2) UNDER AMRUT 2.0

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, launched the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 to ensure universal coverage of water supply and sewerage services in cities, thereby promoting water security and sustainable urban growth. In line with this vision, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow, organized a three-day training programme on “*Water Supply, Sewerage, Septage & Drainage Management (Capsule-2)*” from 09–11 July 2025. The programme aimed to build the capacities of municipal engineers and technical personnel involved in the design, implementation, and management of urban water and sanitation infrastructure.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To enhance understanding of the principles and practices of water supply, sewerage, and drainage management under AMRUT 2.0.
- To familiarize participants with planning, design, operation, and maintenance of urban water and wastewater systems.
- To provide insights into septage management and sustainable drainage solutions for urban resilience.
- To strengthen the technical capacities of municipal engineers for efficient project implementation and service delivery.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The three-day training covered a comprehensive range of topics including:

- Integrated Water Management: Concepts, strategies, and policies for sustainable water use in urban areas.
- Design and Operation of Sewerage Systems: Principles of network design, flow estimation, and maintenance strategies.
- Septage and Faecal Sludge Management: Techniques for collection, treatment, and safe disposal under AMRUT 2.0.

- Urban Drainage Planning: Approaches for effective stormwater management and flood mitigation.
- Case Studies and Practical Exercises: Real-world examples to enhance learning and understanding of field applications.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 19 participants, comprising Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers from various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), attended the training. The participants actively engaged in discussions, group activities, and interactive sessions aimed at improving their technical and operational capabilities in the water and sanitation sector.

COORDINATOR

The training programme was coordinated by Shri Ajit Kumar Mishra, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow, who ensured smooth organization, expert facilitation, and active participation throughout the programme.





ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN SPACES & PARKS IN ULBS

BACKGROUND

Recognizing the vital role of green infrastructure in promoting urban health, well-being, and ecological balance, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow, organized three Online Training Programmes on Development of Green Spaces & Parks in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

These programmes aimed to support cities in planning, developing, and maintaining inclusive, accessible, and sustainable green spaces, contributing to improved quality of life, environmental resilience, and alignment with national missions such as AMRUT, Smart Cities, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The training programmes were designed to:

- Build awareness on the importance of green spaces in urban planning and development.
- Equip ULB officials with technical knowledge for designing, developing, and managing urban parks and green areas.
- Promote inclusive and accessible park designs that cater to all age groups and abilities.
- Encourage sustainable landscaping practices and biodiversity enhancement in city ecosystems.
- Share best practices and case studies of successful green space interventions from

List of Trainings	
Date	No of Participants
11-Jul-25	36
25-Jul-25	65
01-Aug-25	59

Indian cities.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The training sessions focused on:

- Urban Green Infrastructure Planning: Integration of parks, gardens, green belts, and open spaces in city master plans.
- Design and Development Guidelines: Planning for children's play areas, walking tracks, open gyms, water features, and inclusive accessibility.
- Sustainable Landscaping and Maintenance: Use of native plants, rainwater harvesting, composting, and eco-friendly materials.
- Community Participation in Park Development: Models for community-led maintenance, urban gardening, and park adoption schemes.
- Policy Frameworks and Funding Opportunities: Overview of central and state-level schemes supporting green space development.
- Best Practices and Case Studies: Learning from innovative park projects across ULBs.

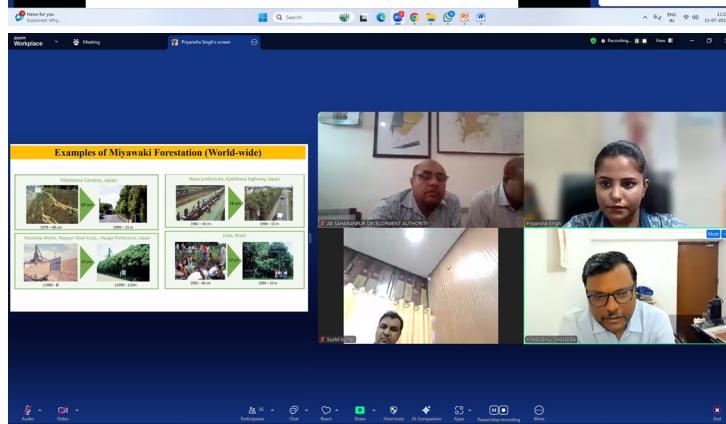
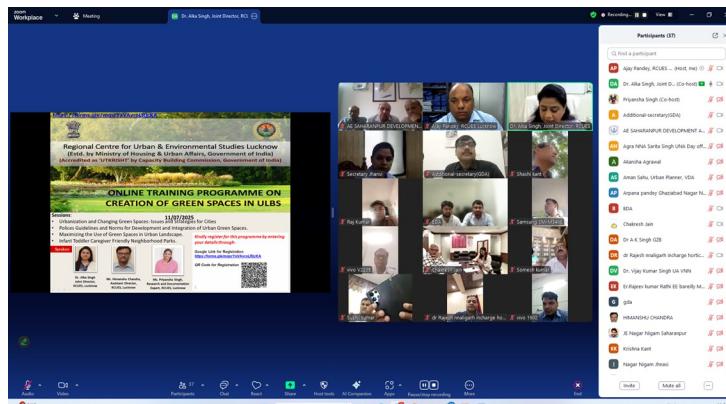
PARTICIPANTS

The three training sessions collectively witnessed

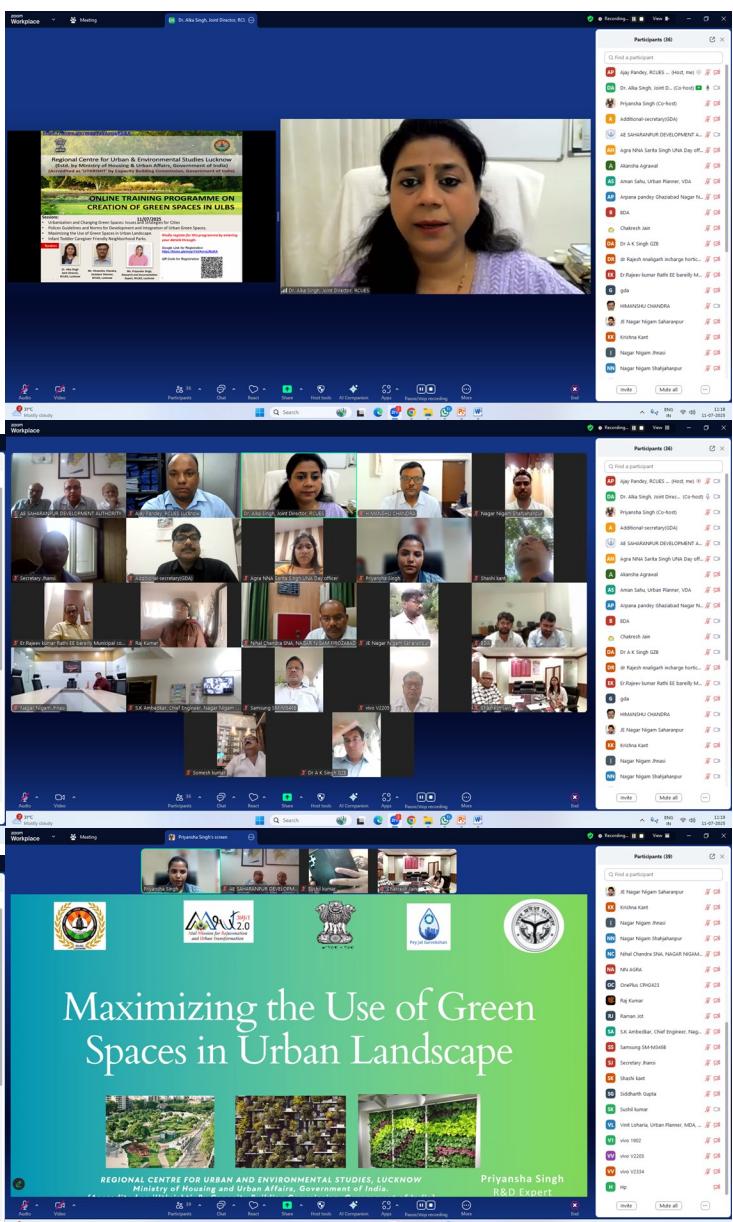
active participation from municipal officers, horticulture experts, engineers, planners, and park supervisors from various Urban Local Bodies, reflecting a growing recognition of the importance of green space planning in sustainable urban development. A total of 160 participants attended the training programmes.

COORDINATOR

The online trainings were coordinated by Dr.



Alka Singh, Joint Director, RCUES Lucknow.



ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON INCLUSIVE URBAN HOUSING

BACKGROUND

Access to adequate, safe, and affordable housing is a key component of sustainable urban development and social equity. Recognizing the importance of inclusive housing policies that cater to all sections of society, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow, organized two Online Training Programmes on Inclusive Urban Housing.

The programme aimed to build capacities of urban local bodies and professionals to effectively implement housing schemes and adopt inclusive approaches in urban housing strategies, in line with national missions such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The training programme was designed to:

- Build understanding on the concept and importance of inclusive urban housing.
- Familiarize participants with national policies and schemes on urban housing.
- Promote affordable housing strategies for economically weaker sections (EWS), low-income groups (LIG), and vulnerable populations.
- Highlight planning, financing, and implementation models for housing projects.
- Share best practices for community engagement, slum rehabilitation, and in-situ

List of Trainings	
Date	No of Participants
17-Jul-25	80
18-Jul-25	54

redevelopment.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The key focus areas of the programme included:

- Concept of Inclusive Urban Housing: Definition, need, and framework.
- Overview of Housing Policies and Schemes: PMAY-U, Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC), and state-level initiatives.
- Planning for Affordable Housing: Site selection, design standards, and integration with basic services.
- Financing Mechanisms: Public-private partnerships, subsidies, and credit-linked subsidies.
- Slum Upgradation and In-Situ Redevelopment: Approaches for integrating informal settlements.
- Social Inclusion in Housing: Addressing the needs of women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and migrant workers.
- Case Studies and Best Practices: Success stories from various states and cities.

PARTICIPANTS

The training programme was attended by urban planners, municipal officials, engineers, housing

board representatives, and professionals engaged in the implementation of housing projects across various states. A total of 134 participants attended the training programmes.

COORDINATOR

The online trainings were coordinated by Dr Anjuli Mishra, Joint Director, RCUES Lucknow.

Implementation Period : 2024-2029

Mode of Implementation Period : Centrally Sponsored Scheme except Interest Subsidy Scheme which is Central Sector Scheme

Eligibility:

- Not owning pucca house anywhere in India
- Belonging to EWS (Income below ₹ 3 lakh)
- LIG and MIG eligible for only Interest Subsidy Scheme: ISS (Income up to ₹ 9 lakh)
- Not availing benefit of housing scheme in last 20 years

Family: Comprising of husband, wife, unmarried sons and/or unmarried daughters

Permissible size of House: 30 sqm to 45 sqm (ISS: up to 120 sqm)

Source: PMAY 2.0 Scheme Guideline

Overall Sanction- 119 crore Houses

- 119.26 Lakh Sanctioned
- 112.81 Lakh Grounded*
- 93.61 Lakh Completed*
- 90.92 Lakh Occupied*

Physical Progress of Houses

Financial Progress of Central Assistance

Source: CSMC Data, PMAY Dashboard Data

LAUNCH June 2015 'Pucca house' to all eligible urban households

Coverage All Statutory town/cities and Planning/Development Authority Areas

112.81 Lakh houses grounded and 93.61 lakh completed

Central Assistance of ₹1.72 lakh crore released out of ₹2.01 lakh crore

Source: CSMC Data, PMAY Dashboard Data

ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON GENDER EQUALITY: SDG-5

BACKGROUND

Gender equality is a cornerstone of sustainable development and is central to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 (SDG-5): Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. Recognizing the critical role that Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) play in promoting inclusive urban governance, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow, organized three Online Training Programme on Gender Equality.

The training aimed to sensitize municipal functionaries and urban development professionals on integrating gender perspectives in planning, implementation, and monitoring of urban policies and programs. It emphasized the need for gender-responsive governance to create cities that are safe, inclusive, and empowering for all.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The programme was designed to:

- Enhance understanding of SDG-5 and its implications for urban governance.
- Build capacity to mainstream gender considerations in city planning and service delivery.
- Promote gender-sensitive budgeting, infrastructure, and public service frameworks.
- Discuss challenges, barriers, and solutions to achieving gender equality in urban settings.
- Encourage creation of enabling environments for the empowerment of women and girls in cities.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Key areas covered in the session included:

- Understanding Gender Equality and SDG-5:

List of Trainings	
Date	No of Participants
22-Jul-25	31
28-Jul-25	47
29-Jul-25	30

Targets, indicators, and relevance to urban governance.

- Gender Mainstreaming in Urban Policies: Inclusive planning approaches and institutional frameworks.
- Safety and Mobility for Women: Urban design principles that prioritize accessibility and safety.
- Economic Empowerment of Women: Role of ULBs in facilitating opportunities and reducing inequalities.
- Case Studies: Successful gender-responsive initiatives in urban areas.
- Monitoring and Reporting: Tools for tracking progress on gender inclusion goals.

PARTICIPANTS

The session witnessed participation from municipal officers, engineers, town planners, IEC experts, and urban development professionals from multiple ULBs, highlighting the shared commitment toward fostering gender-inclusive urban development. A total of 108 participants attended the training programmes.

COORDINATOR

The online trainings were coordinated by Dr. Nasruddin, Assistant Director, RCUES Lucknow.

The slide features a central title 'Three Key Services at a Glance' in large, bold, black font. Below the title are three hexagonal icons, each containing a logo and text. The first icon on the left is for 'One Stop Centre (OSC)', showing a red hexagon with a white 'S' and a small figure. The middle icon is for 'Women Helpline (181)', showing a red hexagon with a white '181' and a telephone handset. The third icon on the right is for 'Child Helpline (1098)', showing a red hexagon with a white '1098' and a cartoon character. The background is white with a decorative orange and green geometric border.

The screenshot shows a Zoom video conference with the title '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development' displayed prominently. The interface includes a top bar with the Zoom logo, a search bar, and several small video thumbnails of participants. The main content area features a large blue header with the title and a grid of 17 colored boxes, each representing one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with an icon and a brief description. The boxes are arranged in four rows: Row 1 (1-5), Row 2 (6-10), Row 3 (11-12), and Row 4 (13-17). The boxes are: 1. No Poverty (red, people), 2. Zero Hunger (yellow, bowl), 3. Good Health and Well-being (green, heart), 4. Quality Education (blue, book), 5. Gender Equality (orange, gender symbols), 6. Clean Water and Sanitation (light blue, water drop), 7. Affordable and Clean Energy (yellow, sun), 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth (blue, chart), 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (orange, factory), 10. Reduced Inequalities (red, minus sign), 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities (orange, city), 12. Responsible Consumption and Production (light blue, recycling), 13. Climate Action (green, globe), 14. Life Below Water (blue, fish), 15. Life on Land (green, tree), 16. Peace and Justice (blue, scales), and 17. Partnerships for the Goals (orange, flower). The bottom right corner of the grid features the 'THE GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT' logo.

A screenshot of a Microsoft Teams video call. The call has four participants: Ajay Pandey (RC), Dr. Narender Singh (Moderator), Nager Palika Gh. (81500120582), and Ketan's iPhone (Ketan's iPhone). The video feed for Ketan's iPhone shows a young boy. The main content of the video is a presentation slide for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The slide has a golden-yellow background with a large, detailed drawing of a plant or leaf on the right side. The title 'THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF Human Rights' is written in large, gold-colored serif letters. Below the title is a quote in a smaller, black serif font: 'Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status'. At the bottom left of the slide is the United Nations logo. The bottom of the slide has a small caption: 'ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 100TH MEETING, HELD IN PARIS ON 10 DECEMBER, 1948'. The Teams interface shows the video feed for each participant in a grid, and the bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various pinned icons.

TRAINING CUM EXPOSURE VISIT ON URBAN AND REVENUE MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES (MADHYA PRADESH)

BACKGROUND

Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are at the forefront of delivering essential civic services and steering sustainable urban development. With increasing urban complexities—ranging from rapid urbanization and infrastructure demands to environmental sustainability, revenue mobilization, and citizen engagement—the role of elected representatives has expanded significantly. To effectively respond to these challenges, corporators and mayors must be equipped with contemporary knowledge, practical governance tools, and a clear understanding of policy and legal frameworks.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, is implementing multiple flagship urban missions such as AMRUT 2.0, PMAY, DAY-NULM, HFA, and NCM, which demand informed leadership and robust oversight at the city level. Recognizing this need, MoHUA has developed an Integrated Capacity Building Framework to strengthen the capacities of both technical functionaries and elected representatives involved in urban governance.

In alignment with this framework, the Directorate of Urban Administration and Development (UADD), Madhya Pradesh, through the Sunderlal Patwa National Institute of Urban Management, collaborated with RCUES Lucknow to design a focused capacity-building initiative for elected representatives. The two-day residential training programme, conducted at the State Institute of Urban Development (SIUD), Mysuru, along with an exposure visit to Mysuru Municipal Corporation, was the second programme under this initiative and the first exclusively for elected representatives. Mysuru was selected as the host city due to its exemplary performance in property tax reforms and high revenue collection, reflecting effective governance and strong community participation.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

List of Trainings	
Date	No of Participants
22-Jul-25	31
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29-Jul-25	30

The training programme aimed to:

- Highlight principles and tools of good urban governance
- Provide legal and policy perspectives on community participation, public disclosure, and participatory budgeting
- Offer an overview of the 74th Constitutional Amendment and its implementation
- Examine Municipal Corporation and Municipality Acts and their implications
- Clarify the powers, roles, and duties of elected representatives
- Enhance understanding of financial and project management of urban infrastructure projects
- Strengthen knowledge on resource mobilization and financial planning in ULBs
- Promote community participation in urban development initiatives
- Explore action planning approaches for urban projects
- Provide field exposure through project site and institutional visits

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The two-day residential programme was meticulously structured to strengthen both conceptual clarity and functional understanding of elected representatives, with a special focus on property tax reforms, financial planning, and governance frameworks. The overall approach emphasized inter-mission convergence, experiential learning, and cross-ULB knowledge exchange.

Day 1 focused on laying a strong foundation in urban governance, fiscal empowerment, and the roles of elected representatives. Expert-led sessions were complemented by participatory

discussions and peer-learning formats, enabling participants to relate theoretical concepts to real-world challenges in their respective ULBs. The interactive design encouraged critical reflection, mutual learning, and collaborative problem-solving.

Day 2 began with a structured recap of Day 1 learnings, facilitated by Ms. Renu Handa, highlighting the importance of optimal utilization of institutional and financial resources within ULBs. Discussions revisited themes of decentralization, service planning, and local-level innovation.

A key technical session was delivered by Mr. Amar Singh Dangi, who provided an in-depth understanding of:

- The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act and its significance for democratic decentralization
- Roles and responsibilities of councillors in urban service delivery
- Evolution of urban local governance in Madhya Pradesh, including Municipal Acts and governance structures

This session enhanced participants' constitutional and legal awareness, clarifying their decision-making powers, accountability mechanisms, and interface with state-level governance systems.

The programme also included a structured exposure visit, starting with the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), offering insights into scientific management, sustainability, and citizen engagement in urban public spaces.

The day concluded with visits to Mysuru Palace and Brindavan Gardens, underscoring the importance of urban heritage conservation, tourism infrastructure, and public space planning as integral components of holistic city development.

The programme concluded with a valedictory

session where participants expressed appreciation to RCUES Lucknow, SIUD Mysuru, and UADD Madhya Pradesh for curating a well-balanced and impactful training. Participants also expressed interest in future thematic programmes on e-governance, waste management, and infrastructure planning. Participation memorabilia and a group photograph marked the formal closure of the training.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of **10 elected representatives** participated in the two-day residential training programme. The limited cohort size ensured focused interactions, meaningful peer learning, and in-depth engagement with resource persons and host institutions.

COORDINATOR

The programme was coordinated jointly by the Sunderlal Patwa National Institute of Urban Management, SIUD Mysuru, and RCUES Lucknow, under the guidance of the Directorate of Urban Administration and Development (UADD), Government of Madhya Pradesh. The seamless coordination among partner institutions ensured effective programme delivery, high-quality sessions, and a rich learning experience for all participants.



ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS - CHOOSING THE SUITABLE MODE FOR A CITY MOBILITY

BACKGROUND

Recognizing the growing challenges of urban mobility and the need for efficient, sustainable, and inclusive public transport solutions, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow organized an Online Training Programme on Public Transport Systems – Choosing the Suitable Mode for a City Mobility on 12th and 13th August, 2025.

The training programme aimed to support Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in understanding various public transport options and in selecting appropriate transport modes based on city size, travel demand, urban form, and financial viability, in alignment with national urban mobility policies and sustainable development goals.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The training programme was designed to:

Build awareness on the importance of well-planned public transport systems for sustainable urban mobility.

Enhance understanding of different public transport modes such as buses, BRTS, metro, light rail, and intermediate public transport.

Assist ULB officials in evaluating suitable transport modes based on city-specific characteristics and demand.

Promote integrated, inclusive, and environmentally sustainable urban transport planning.

Share policy perspectives and best practices related to public transport systems in Indian cities.

List of Trainings	
Date	No of Participants
12-Aug-25	32
13-Aug-25	25

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The training sessions focused on the following key areas:

Urban Mobility Challenges: Traffic congestion, pollution, accessibility, and last-mile connectivity.

Overview of Public Transport Modes: Comparative assessment of buses, BRTS, metro rail, light rail, and other systems.

Mode Selection Criteria: City size, population density, travel demand, cost-effectiveness, and operational feasibility.

Integrated Transport Planning: Multimodal integration, feeder services, and non-motorized transport linkages.

Policy Frameworks and Case Studies: National Urban Transport Policy, Metro Rail Policy, and successful city examples.

The online sessions encouraged interaction and knowledge-sharing among participants, enabling a better understanding of practical considerations in urban transport planning.

PARTICIPANTS

The training programme witnessed active participation from officials of Urban Local Bodies and allied departments. A total of 57 participants attended the online training, reflecting keen interest in strengthening capacities for planning and implementing efficient public transport

systems in cities.

COORDINATOR

The online training programme was coordinated by Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES Lucknow.

S.N.	Integration	Characteristics
i.	Network Integration	• Integration of bus network with MRT reduces wasteful duplication of services.
ii.	Fare Integration	• Integrated ticketing system to allow passengers to travel on MRT and buses.
iii.	Physical Integration	• Provision of transfer facilities such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covered Link Ways, - Overhead Bridges, - Under Pass, - Bus Shelters, taxi stands, etc.

ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON MICRO CREDIT TO STREET VENDORS IN URBAN POOR

BACKGROUND

Street vendors form a vital part of the urban informal economy, contributing significantly to employment generation and last-mile service delivery. However, limited access to formal credit often restricts their ability to sustain and expand livelihoods. Recognizing the need to strengthen financial inclusion among urban poor, focused capacity building of Urban Local Body (ULB) officials and mission functionaries is essential for effective implementation of micro-credit initiatives for street vendors.

In this context, an **Online Training on Micro Credit to Street Vendors in Urban Poor** was organized on 22 August 2025 to enhance understanding of micro-credit mechanisms, implementation processes, and the role of ULBs in facilitating access to financial services for street vendors.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The training programme aimed to:

- Build awareness on the importance of micro-credit for livelihood enhancement of street vendors
- Strengthen understanding of policies and schemes related to micro-credit for the urban poor
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of ULB officials in identification, facilitation, and monitoring
- Promote effective coordination among field-level functionaries for smooth implementation
- Address operational challenges and share practical insights from the field

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The online training was conducted on **22 August 2025** and witnessed active participation from officials and functionaries associated with urban poverty alleviation and municipal service delivery. The session focused on the concept, scope, and implementation framework of micro-credit support for street vendors, highlighting its role in improving income security and financial resilience.

Interactive discussions enabled participants to share field-level experiences, challenges, and best

practices in reaching eligible beneficiaries. The virtual format ensured wider participation while maintaining focused engagement, making the programme both accessible and effective.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of **66 participants** attended the online training programme. The participants represented a diverse group of urban functionaries, including: Executive Officers, Bill Collectors, City Mission Managers, Clerks, Community Organizers, Computer Operators. The diverse composition ensured cross-functional perspectives and enriched discussions.

COORDINATOR

The training programme was coordinated by Dr. Anjuli Mishra, Joint Director, whose guidance and leadership ensured smooth conduct and effective knowledge dissemination during the session.

EK PED MAA KE NAAM

The Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow organised the plantation programme “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” on 16 July 2025 as part of its continued commitment towards environmental sustainability and community sensitisation. The programme was conducted with the objective of promoting tree plantation while nurturing an emotional and moral responsibility towards nature by dedicating each sapling in the name of one’s mother.

The initiative aligns with national and state-level efforts to enhance green cover, combat climate change, and encourage citizens to actively participate in environmental conservation. By linking tree plantation with the reverence for mothers, the programme conveyed a powerful message of care, nourishment, and long-term responsibility—values that both mothers and trees symbolise.

Officers and staff of RCUES Lucknow actively participated in the programme and planted saplings within and around the RCUES premises. Indigenous and environment-friendly plant species were selected to ensure better survival, ecological balance, and long-term environmental benefits. Participants took a collective pledge to nurture and protect the planted saplings, ensuring their growth and sustainability.

During the programme, emphasis was laid on the importance of trees in urban ecosystems, including their role in improving air quality, conserving biodiversity, regulating temperature, and enhancing the overall quality of life. The initiative also served as a reminder that plantation must go hand in hand with regular care, watering, and protection to make such efforts meaningful and impactful.

The “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” programme at RCUES Lucknow not only contributed to environmental conservation but also fostered a sense of emotional connection and social responsibility among participants. The activity successfully reinforced the message that protecting nature is a collective duty and that small, thoughtful actions can lead to long-term positive change.

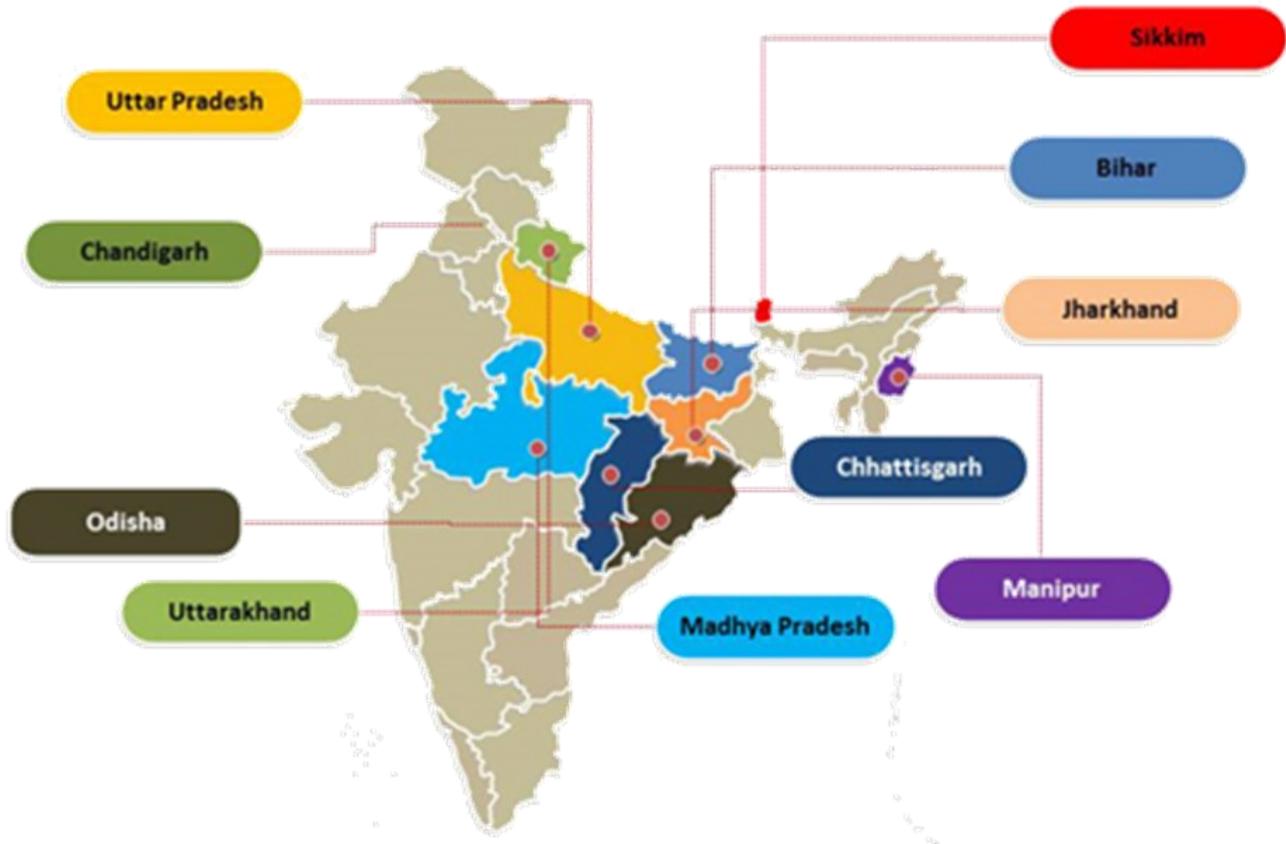
Through this initiative, RCUES Lucknow reaffirmed its dedication to promoting sustainable practices and supporting environmentally responsible behaviour among institutions and individuals alike.



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