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Managing Urban Environment

RANCHI

The immediate problems of Indian cities relate to inadequate institutional arrangements for solid waste management, drainage, sewage treatment and disposal and sanitation services. Thus, it is imperative to improve the municipal services, particularly sanitation services and urban local governments adopt the integrated urban planning for climate resilience and addressing the environmental problems. Against this view point, Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow, under the auspices of Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, New Delhi organized a two day training programme on Managing Urban Environment for the Municipal Officials, Urban Planner and Engineers of urban local governments for the State of Jharkhand from October 17th to 18th, 2014, at Ranchi.

In the programme, State government nominated two officials from each urban local bodies of the state besides, ensuring participation of officials posted at secretariat level. Overall, 33 officials had participated in the programme

Dr. A.K. Singh, Assistant Director, with active support of Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES, coordinated the programme.



Shri Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director and Dr. A.K. Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow in the inaugural Session.

State Level workshop on Municipal Resource Management & Financial Management

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A two day training programme on "Municipal Resource Mobilization & Financial Management" was organized by the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow for the senior municipal officials of Uttar Pradesh from October 29-30, 2014 at Lucknow.

The main objectives of the Workshop were:

- To throw light on the status of Municipal Finances in India and Need for Resource Mobilization.
- To discuss on the various Tax & Non-Tax Revenues sources of the ULBs and ways to enhance its potential.
- To orient the participants with roles of Central & State Finance Commissions in revenue mobilization of ULBs.
- To sensitize the participants towards mobilization of municipal resources through reforms in Property Tax.
- To sensitize the participants on role of GIS in enhancing municipal revenue
- To clarify the doubts / queries related to municipal resource mobilization.

The participants of the programme included Executive Officers, Tax officers and Accountants from Nagar Nigams, Nagar Palika Parishads and Jal Sansthan of Uttar Pradesh.

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. He said

concerted attempts need to be made for enhancing the resources of local bodies. In case of Nagar Nigams and class I local bodies, Geographical Information System (GIS) is the need of hours. Reforms are taking place in various cities but due to various local circumstances, the implementation is in various stages. The analysis in the cities has shown that there is much to learn from the good practices, which have led to visible system improvements. Bangalore has shown stark increase in percentage of property tax revenue collected, number of assessed properties and per capita tax collection after implementing area based assessment method.

Prior to, Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director, RCUES, Lucknow, highlighted the importance of capacity building of municipal officials for mobilization of municipal resources in urban local governments. She also outlined the programme and focused on intensive training to the municipal officials for effective implementation of Tax and Non Tax Revenue.



Certificate distribution to the participants

Engendering Budgets and Gender Inclusive Urban Development

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Gender budgeting has been internationally recognized as a key tool for empowering women by incorporating gender perspective and concerns at all levels and stages of development planning, policy, programmes and delivery mechanism. Government of India has adopted budgeting for gender equity as a mission statement and is widely disseminating tools and strategies across ministries and departments. In view of the above, a three-day state level workshop was organized under the auspices of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government

of India, by RCUES, Lucknow on November 6-8, 2014 at Lucknow to discuss and deliberate on pertinent issues of engendering urban development and gender budgeting. Prof. Nishith Rai, Director, RCUES, Lucknow inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural address, Prof. Rai highlighted the need and

importance of topic of the workshop. He further said that Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India has introduced a scheme for training of women counselors on sharing basis with the concerned states but the states are not coming forward.

Shri A. K. Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES, Lucknow highlighted the imperative need of engendering urban planning for infrastructure development and delivery of civic services. Prof. Vibhuti Patel, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai and Prof. Darshini Mahadevia CEPT University Ahmedabad delivered a session on engendering urban governance, Gender budgeting in Municipal administration and planning for urban infrastructure and services in gender perspective.

In the programme, 52 Officials from ULBs, Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Jal Sanstans, Development Authorities, U.P State Social Welfare Board and representatives from civil society organization participated.

Dr. A.K. Singh, Assistant Director, with active support of Shri Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES, coordinated the programme



Dr. Nishith Rai, Director, RCUES, Lucknow (third from left) along with Prof. Vibhuti Patel, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai and faculty of RCUES in the inaugural session.

Regional Training Programme on Management of Urban Environment through Solid Waste Management

GANGTOK

The issue of solid waste management had been given significant importance in both the schemes of JNNURM, UDISSMT and now in Swachh Bharat Mission. Most of the cities have developed detailed project reports for effective management of solid waste but it has been observed in some cases that due to lack of awareness and initiative the sanctioned projects are not being implemented effectively. Further Govt. of India has also come out with draft MSW Rules 2014.

Keeping in view the importance of the above subject Regional Centre for Urban & Environmental Studies, Lucknow organized a two day Regional Training Programme on "Management of Urban Environment through Solid Waste Management" for the officials of U.P., Bihar, Odisha, M.P., Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Sikkim & Manipur at Gangtok from 13th - 14th November 2014.

The main objectives of the Training Programme were:

- To familiarize the participants with the concept of solid waste management;
- To highlight the problems of solid waste management and their impact on urban environment;
- To assess the scope of public private partnership in urban waste

management;

- To highlight the legal & policy issues related to solid waste management.

- To discuss the waste management options and best practices;

The participants of the training programme consisted of Elected Representatives, Officers of State Govt., Executive officers, Engineers and Experts of Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand. In all 23 participants participated in the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Er. G.T. Bhutia, Secretary, Dept. of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Er. A.K. Gupta Addl. Director, RCUES Lucknow welcomed the guests and participants and introduced the Centre, while Dr. Rajeev Narayan, Dy. Director & Course Director briefed about the programme.

The Chief guest Er. G.T. Bhutia, Secretary, Dept. of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Sikkim in his inaugural address said all the stakeholders should work together for effective and efficient Solid Waste Management in our cities as it is not only our duty but also our social responsibility. He further laid emphasis on less consumption so that the generation of solid waste is minimized. He also requested the Centre to organize more training programmes on SWM for his state.

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



Er. G.T. Bhutia, Secretary, Dept. of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Sikkim inaugurating the programme along with Er. A.G. Gupta, Addl. Director & Dr. Rajeev Narayan, Dy. Director

Managing Disasters in Urban Areas

PATNA

A training programme on "Managing Disasters in Urban Areas" was organized by RCUES, Lucknow in Patna, Bihar on November 26-27, 2014.

Main objectives of the training programme were as follows:

- to review the status, situation, dimensions and trends of disasters and their impact on development;
- to discuss the policy perspective and government intervention in prevention, mitigation, preparedness, relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of disaster affected persons and areas;
- to examine role of government agencies in disaster mitigation and response;
- to highlight impact of climate change on natural disasters and the efforts for mitigating the negative consequences of climate change;

- to review the status of disaster management approaches and strategies;
- to highlight the community based approaches for prevention, mitigation, disaster preparedness, relief and rehabilitation of disasters affected persons;
- to suggest policy measures for effective implementation of programmes and schemes dealing disaster management and enforcement of techno-legal regime.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Anil Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chairman, Bihar Disaster Management Authority, Patna. In his inauguration address he highlighted the need and importance of the training programme on disasters in urban areas. He said that urbanization is increasing gradually and it is expected that in coming decades, about 50 percent of country's population will reside in urban centers. With the increase in urban population, there will be high demand for infrastructure and services. In the programme, 32 municipal officials and other stakeholders had participated.

Prior to, Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director, RCUES outlined the programme. She highlighted the importance of capacity building of municipal officials for managing disasters in urban areas. Dr. Nasruddin, Assistant Director, RCUES welcomed the chief guest and participants and Dr. A. K. Singh, Assistant Director, RCUES proposed vote of thanks.



Sri Anil Kumar Sinha, Vice-Chairman, Bihar Disaster Management Authority, Patna, presenting the IEC material to RCUES

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Role of GIS in Urban Planning

A two day Training Programme was organized by the Regional Centre, at Lucknow from 16th-17th December 2014., keeping in view the importance of GIS on the economies of local, regional, and national governance and development, The main objectives of the programme were:

- To familiarize the participants with the need, importance & Applications of GIS in Urban Planning
- To acquaint the participants with the GIS & LiDAR Solutions for Urban Planning.
- To aware the participants with the Role of GIS in CDPs preparation, Property Tax Assessment, Urban Land Use Planning & Urban Services
- To familiarize the participants with the Water Supply System through SCADA techniques
- To aware the participants with the Bhuvan Geospatial Data &

Services

The participants of the training programme consisted of General Manger, Jal Sansthan Executive Engineer, Town & Country Planning Department, Tax Assessment Officers, Executive Officers and Junior Engineers, IT Experts, GIS Experts from Nagar Nigam of Uttar Pradesh. In all 25 participants attended the programme.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Anjali Mishra, Joint Director, Dr. Nasruddin, Assistant Director and Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES, Lucknow.



Participants & Faculty of the Training Programme

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Training Programme on Improvement of Accounting and Implementation of Double Entry Accrual System of Accounting in Urban Local Bodies

With the changing role of Urban Local Bodies the urgent need is felt for change in the accounting & financial reporting principles and formats. Most of the urban local bodies in India are presently following cash based single entry system of accounting. The conversion from cash based single entry system of accounting to accrual based double entry system of accounting was made mandatory reform by Government of India under JNNURM. In view of the above the State Governments have initiated the accounting reform in ULBs of the State.

Keeping in view the importance of the above mentioned subject a two day Training Programme was organized for the ULB's of U.P., at Lucknow from 28th - 29th November 2014, in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi, under CCBP project of Govt. of U.P.

The main objectives of the programme were:

- To familiarize the participants with the need and importance of Double Entry Accounting System.
- To acquaint the participants with the provisions of the National DEAS manual.
- To aware the participants with the basic DEAS

principles & procedures.

The participants of the training programme consisted of Elected Representatives, Officers of State Govt., Executive officers, Account Officers, Accountants & Experts of PMU. In all 46 participants participated in the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Sri P. K. Singh, Director, Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Govt. of U.P., Dr. Nishith Rai, Director, RCUES Lucknow welcomed the guests and participants and introduced the Centre, C.A. J. Venkateswarlu, Member Central Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi said in his remarks that implementation of DEAS is important for ULB,s and also briefed about the two day programme, while A.K. Gupta Addl. Director, RCUES Lucknow proposed the vote of thanks.

The Chief guest Sri P. K. Singh, Director, Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Govt. of U.P., 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 properly maintained accounts and best way is to implement DEAS properly. He further said that the participants should take full advantage of this training and clarify all their doubts on DEAS. He further asked the Centre to give its suggestions on the expected actions to be taken by the State government.



Sri S.P. Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Govt. of U.P., Er. A.K. Gupta Addl. Director, Sri. Sukhendra Kumar, Assistant Director, DLB, U.P., at the valedictory session



Sri P. K. Singh, Director, Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Govt. of U.P. inaugurating the programme along with Dr. Nishith Rai, Director

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State Level Workshops on Comprehensive Capacity Building Programme

The Regional Center for Urban and Environmental Studies, Lucknow organized two State Level Workshops on Comprehensive Capacity Building Programme (CCBP) under the auspices of Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India in collaboration with the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Government of Uttar Pradesh on 22nd and 23rd, December, 2014 at Lucknow.

The main objective of the workshops were to orient the Municipal Functionaries and Elected Representatives of Urban Local Bodies of Uttar Pradesh regarding the rationale behind the Comprehensive Capacity Building Programme (CCBP) sanctioned for the State of Uttar Pradesh by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

India. And also to discuss the components of the Capacity building programme and give a final shape to the capacity building plan for the state of Uttar Pradesh. The workshop was chaired by Shri S.P. Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Govt. of UP. The participants were welcomed by Sri. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow followed by a brief introduction to the programme by Dr. Nishith Rai, Director, RCUES Lucknow. The workshop was steered by Dr. Alka Singh, Deputy Director, RCUES Lucknow.

The Participants of the workshop on December, 22nd 2014 comprised of Hon'ble Mayors and Municipal Commissioners from Nagar Nigams of Uttar Pradesh. Total number of participation was 38.

Whereas on 23rd December, 2014 the participants included Hon'ble Chairmen, Executive Officers and other officials of Nagar Palika Parishads & Nagar Panchayats of Uttar Pradesh. Total number of participation was 40.



On the Dias from L to R: Dr. Alka Singh, Deputy Director, RCUES, Lucknow; Shri SP Singh, Secretary, Dept. Urban Development, Govt. of UP; Dr. Satya Pandey, Hon'ble Mayor of Gorakhpur, Dr. I.S. Tomar, Hon'ble Mayor of Bareilly and Shri A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow



Participants & Faculty of the CCBP Workshop on 23rd December, 2014

Forthcoming Activities

Topic	Venue	Date
Regional Training Programme on Good Urban Governance	Puri, Odisha	7th—8th January 2015
Training Programme on Engendering Development & Gender Budgeting	Lucknow, UP	19th January, 2015
Community Mobilization for Social Development and Empowerment	Jabalpur, MP	30th -31st January 2015
Training Programme on Social Audit in Urban Administration	Manipur	February, 2015
Training Programme on Social Audit in Urban Administration	Dehradun, Uttarakhand	February, 2015
Service Level Benchmarking	Indore, MP	24th - 25th February 2015

State Level Workshop Programme on NULM, Solid Waste Management and 13th Finance Commission

Department of Urban Development, Government of Jharkhand under the auspices of Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India organized a one day workshop on NULM, Solid Waste Management and 13th Finance Commission for the municipal officials of ULBs, officials from concerned selected agencies of Skill training under NULM, Jharkhand on December 11th, 2014 at Ranchi, Jharkhand. On the invitation from the State Government of Jharkhand, Dr. A. K. Singh, Assistant Director & Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES Lucknow delivered sessions on Solid Waste Management.

Initiatives	Achievements
⇒A proposal regarding the Capacity Building of the Elected Representatives and Officials from 251 Nagar Panchayats and 79 Nagar Palika Parishads of 35 towns of Uttar Pradesh has been submitted under the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) scheme.	⇒The Regional Centre has evaluated the following Tenders called by State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), Uttar Pradesh, under NULM and RAY:
⇒A proposal for conducting Training and Capacity Building Programmes under NULM for the State of Odisha has been submitted to SUDA, Odisha.	⇒Empanelment of Resource Organizations under National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM)
⇒A proposal for conducting Training and Capacity Building Programmes under NULM: SM & ID Component for the state of West Bengal has been submitted to SUDA, West Bengal.	⇒Short listing/Selection of HR Agencies as service provider (for procurement of Experts to deploy them at SUDA/DUDA on payroll for State Level Technical Cell (at SUDA, Lucknow) / City Level Technical Cell (at Lucknow, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Agra, Varanasi, Meerut, Allahabad, Bareilly, Aligarh, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Gorakhpur, Firozabad, Jhansi, Muzaffarnagar, Mathura, Shahjahanpur, Rampur, Etawah, Rae Bareilly, & Kannauj) of Uttar Pradesh under Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY)
⇒ Proposal submitted for empanelment as resource partner for CCBP project for the State of Sikkim under the EOI for "Empanelment of consultants for infrastructure sub-sectors under OUIDF – Category no.5: Project name: Preparation of DPR and tender documents for solid waste management projects " to The Government of Odisha (GoO), through its Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) has set up an Odisha Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (OUIDF)	⇒RCUES has been awarded the work of preparing the Functionality Report of Comprehensive Sewerage Scheme of Jammu and Srinagar sanctioned under JNNURM.
⇒Consultancy proposal submitted to The Chairperson & Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited (TNUIFSL), Chennai Tamil Nadu regarding Empanelment of consultants for Sewerage, Water Supply and Drainage projects under Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure Financing in Tamil Nadu Phase II - Part 2 (SMIF-TN II - 2) program.	⇒RCUES has been awarded PMC work for solid waste management, slaughter house waste management, restoration of water bodies, Beautification of Nagar Bhawan, Beautification of Baramasia & Mansarovar Talab by Municipal Council of Giridih, Jharkhand.
⇒Consultancy proposal submitted to The Director General, Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of U.P, Lucknow under the EOI for DPR Preparation and Safeguards Assessments of proposed Y1 subprojects under the Pro-poor Tourism Development Project, U.P.	⇒Revised Slaughter House guidelines issued by U.P. Govt. after recommendations submitted by the Regional Centre. Er. A K Gupta, Additional Director, RCUES Lucknow appointed member of the newly formed Project Appraisal & Sanction committee.
⇒Research Proposal on Socio-Economic Status of Female Beedi Workers in Murshidabad District of West Bengal submitted to Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India .	
⇒Research Proposal submitted to Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India for conducting an Evaluation Study of Accessibility and Quality of Services Provided to Elderly in Old Age Homes under the scheme of Integrated Programme for Old People.	
⇒Regional Centre has submitted proposal in the following Projects under consultancy services:	
· Preparation of Slum Free City Plan of Action (SFCPoA) of Barasat Municipality	
· Preparation of Slum Free City Plan of Action (SFCPoA) of Hooghly –Chinsurah Municipality	
⇒Proposal submitted for Project Management Service for implementation of Municipal Solid waste management project in Srinagar city.	
⇒ Proposal submitted for empanelment as independent consultants for monitoring the work of PPP project in Collection, Transportation, Treatment & Disposal of Municipal waste in select MCD zones.	

Staff Training Mr. Tushar Gupta, Assistant Accounts Officer, RCUES Lucknow attended the following workshops organized by Integrated Training & Policy Research, New Delhi.

- Two day training programme on Personnel Management from November 13-15, 2014.
- Three day refresher training programme on Cash & Accounts from November 27-29, 2014.

Faculty News

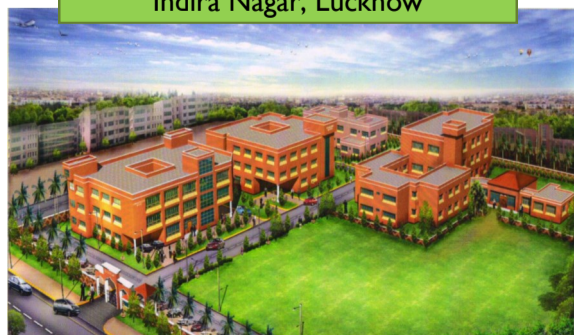
A three day training on Water Sensitive Design and Planning: Towards Sustainable Urban Development was organised by Centre for Science & Environment from October 13-15, 2014. Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director, RCUES Lucknow attended the workshop.



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