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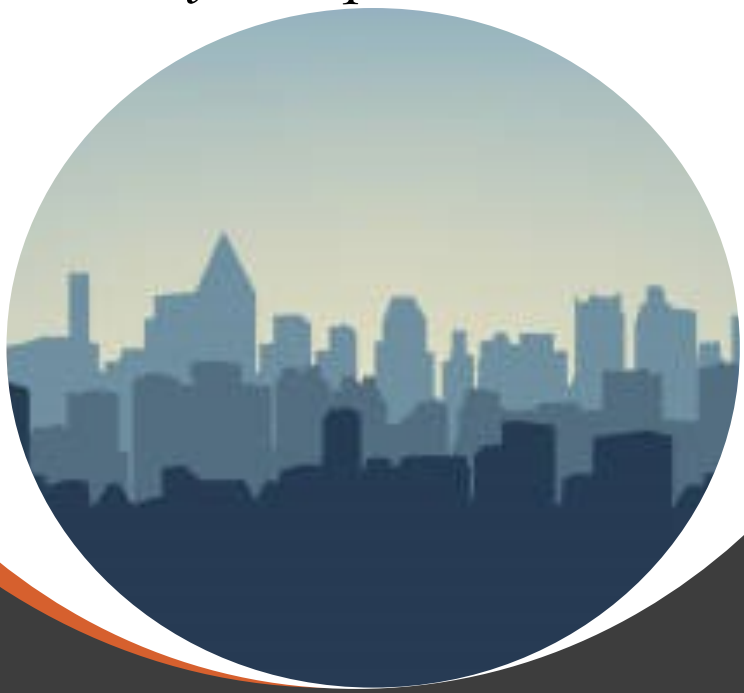
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Building Capacities of City Managers for Achieving Good Urban Governance

ONLINE TRAINING ON CLEAN AIR AND CLIMATE ACTION TOWARDS ACHIEVING VIKSIT BHARAT

BACKGROUND

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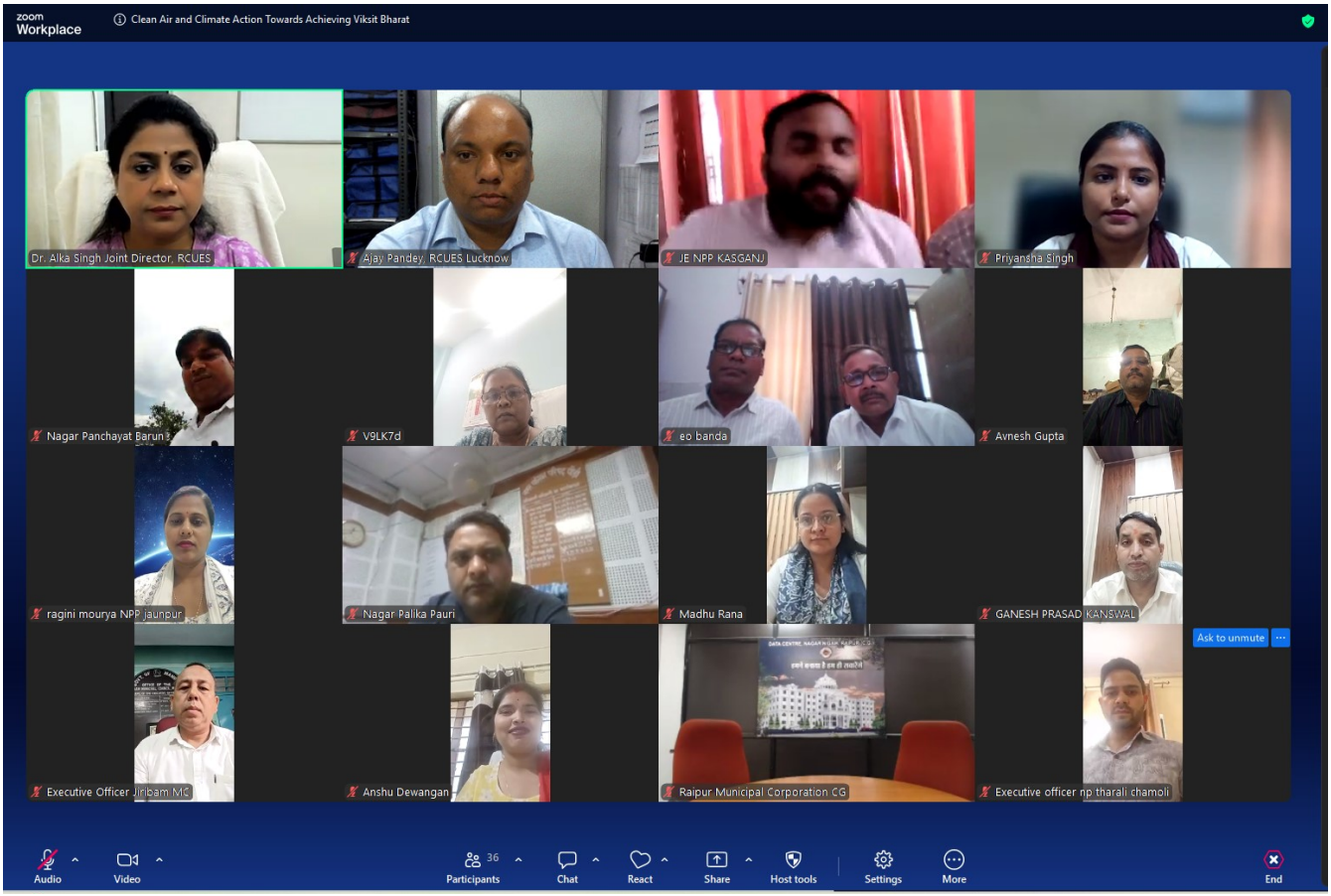
Recognising the importance of clean air and climate-responsive urban development in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat, RCUES, Lucknow organised an online training programme on *Clean Air and Climate Action Towards Achieving Viksit Bharat* on 17th July 2026. The programme aimed to strengthen the understanding of urban functionaries regarding air quality management, climate action and the role of Urban Local Bodies in promoting environmentally sustainable and resilient cities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To enhance awareness about the sources, causes and impacts of urban air pollution and climate change.
- To familiarise participants with national initiatives, policies and frameworks for improving air quality and addressing climate challenges.
- To strengthen the capacity of Urban Local Bodies to integrate clean air and climate action into urban planning and service delivery.
- To promote sustainable urban mobility, green infrastructure, efficient waste management and other pollution-mitigation measures.
- To encourage coordinated action among municipal functionaries and technical stakeholders towards building cleaner, healthier and climate-resilient cities.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

The training programme focused on the growing importance of clean air and climate action in the context of India's sustainable urban development agenda. Discussions centred on understanding urban air pollution challenges, identifying key emission sources and exploring strategies for improving ambient air quality through coordinated



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Emphasis was placed on the role of Urban Local Bodies in implementing air pollution mitigation measures, promoting environmentally sustainable infrastructure and integrating climate considerations into municipal planning and development processes. The programme also highlighted the importance of interdepartmental coordination, technical expertise and institutional capacity in advancing clean air initiatives and achieving the broader vision of Viksit Bharat.

PARTICIPANTS

The programme witnessed the participation of 33 urban functionaries and technical professionals, including Chief Executive Officers, Executive Officers, Chief Municipal Officers (CMOs), Superintendent Engineers, Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Sub Engineers, District Mission Managers, Divisional Coordinators (SBM), MIS Experts, Nodal Officers for CITIIS, Project Development and Management Consultants (PDMC), Programmers, Urban Infrastructure Specialists and Air Quality Management Experts.

COORDINATION

The training was coordinated by **Dr. Alka Singh**, Joint Director, RCUES Lucknow.

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TRAINING ON CLEAN CITIES AND SANITATION ACHIEVING SDGS

BACKGROUND

Urban sanitation is a critical component of sustainable urban development and plays a significant role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those related to public health, clean water, sanitation, sustainable cities and environmental protection. With rapid urbanisation, Urban Local Bodies face increasing challenges in ensuring effective sanitation services, scientific waste management, hygienic public spaces and sustainable urban environments.

Recognising the importance of strengthening municipal capacities for improved sanitation governance, RCUES, Lucknow organised two, two-day training programme on *Clean Cities and Sanitation: Achieving SDGs*. The programme aimed to enhance the knowledge and operational understanding of municipal functionaries regarding sustainable sanitation practices and their contribution to achieving the SDGs.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To strengthen the understanding of participants regarding the importance of urban sanitation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.
- To familiarise municipal functionaries with policies, programmes and approaches for improving sanitation services in Urban Local Bodies.
- To enhance knowledge of scientific solid waste management, cleanliness practices and effective sanitation service delivery.
- To promote hygienic, inclusive and environmentally sustainable sanitation systems.
- To strengthen the operational capacities of municipal officials for planning, implementing and monitoring sanitation-related interventions.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

The two-day training programme focused on the significance of integrated urban sanitation systems and the role of Urban Local Bodies in building clean, healthy and sustainable cities. The sessions highlighted the linkages between urban cleanliness, public health, environmental sustainability and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

List of Trainings	
Date	**No of Participants**
29-30 July, 2026	**21**
24-25 September, 2026	**34**

Discussions covered the responsibilities of municipal functionaries in improving sanitation services, strengthening cleanliness practices and ensuring effective implementation of sanitation-related initiatives. Emphasis was also placed on the importance of coordination among different municipal departments, community participation and regular monitoring for sustaining sanitation outcomes at the city level.

PARTICIPANTS

The programme was attended by 21 municipal functionaries, including Executive Officers, Chief Sanitary and Food Inspectors, Sanitary and Food Inspectors, Assistant Public Sanitary and Waste Management Officers (APSWMOs), Junior Engineers, Junior Engineers (Jal), Tax Superintendents, Safai Nayaks, Clerks and Computer Operators from Urban Local Bodies.

COORDINATION

The training was coordinated by **Dr. Anjuli Mishra** Joint Director, RCUES, Lucknow.



ONLINE TRAINING ON DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN SPACES & PARKS IN ULBS

BACKGROUND

Urban green spaces and parks are essential components of sustainable and liveable cities. They contribute to environmental conservation, improve urban air quality, mitigate the effects of urban heat islands, support biodiversity and provide accessible recreational spaces for citizens. With increasing urbanisation and pressure on urban land, the planning, development and effective management of green spaces have become important responsibilities of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Recognising the role of urban greenery in promoting environmental sustainability and enhancing the quality of urban life, RCUES, Lucknow organised an online training programme on *Development of Green Spaces & Parks in ULBs*. The programme aimed to strengthen the understanding of municipal functionaries regarding the planning, creation, development and maintenance of urban green spaces as an integral part of sustainable urban development.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To sensitise municipal functionaries about the environmental, ecological and social significance of urban green spaces and parks.
- To familiarise participants with approaches for planning and developing accessible, inclusive and sustainable parks in urban areas.
- To enhance understanding of green infrastructure, urban biodiversity and nature-based solutions for addressing environmental challenges.
- To highlight the role of ULBs in the maintenance, conservation and effective management of parks and green spaces.
- To encourage community participation and innovative approaches for creating healthier and more liveable urban environments.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

The training programme focused on the importance of integrating green spaces and parks into urban planning and development. It highlighted how urban greenery can contribute to improving environmental quality, reducing urban heat, supporting biodiversity and enhancing the overall liveability of cities.

The discussions emphasised the role of Urban Local Bodies in identifying suitable spaces, planning and developing parks, ensuring their accessibility and promoting sustainable maintenance practices. The programme also underscored the importance of community engagement and institutional commitment in protecting and expanding urban green spaces as essential public assets.

PARTICIPANTS

The online training programme witnessed the participation of 55 participants representing Urban Local Bodies and other urban development stakeholders.

COORDINATION

The training was coordinated by **Dr. Alka Singh**, RCUES, Lucknow



WEBINAR ON SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT URBAN WASH IN COLLABORATION WITH NIUA, NEW DELHI

BACKGROUND

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services are fundamental to public health, environmental protection and sustainable urban development. Rapid urbanisation, increasing pressure on water resources, inadequate sanitation infrastructure and the challenges of wastewater management have made it essential for Urban Local Bodies to adopt integrated, sustainable and climate-resilient approaches to urban WASH service delivery.

Recognising the importance of strengthening municipal capacities for efficient and resilient water and sanitation systems, RCUES, Lucknow, in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi, organised a webinar on *Sustainable & Resilient Urban WASH on* 28 July 2026 . The webinar aimed to enhance the understanding of urban functionaries regarding sustainable water management, sanitation systems and institutional approaches for improving the delivery of WASH services in cities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To enhance understanding of the key principles and components of sustainable and resilient urban WASH systems.
- To familiarise participants with integrated approaches to water supply, sanitation and wastewater management.
- To highlight the importance of water conservation, efficient resource utilisation and environmental sustainability in urban service delivery.
- To strengthen the capacities of ULB functionaries in planning, implementing and monitoring resilient WASH infrastructure and services.
- To promote institutional coordination and sustainable practices for ensuring equitable and reliable access to water, sanitation and hygiene services.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

The webinar focused on the importance of developing sustainable and resilient urban WASH systems in response to emerging urban challenges. Discussions highlighted the interconnected aspects of water supply, sanitation, wastewater management and public health, emphasising the need for an integrated approach to urban service delivery.

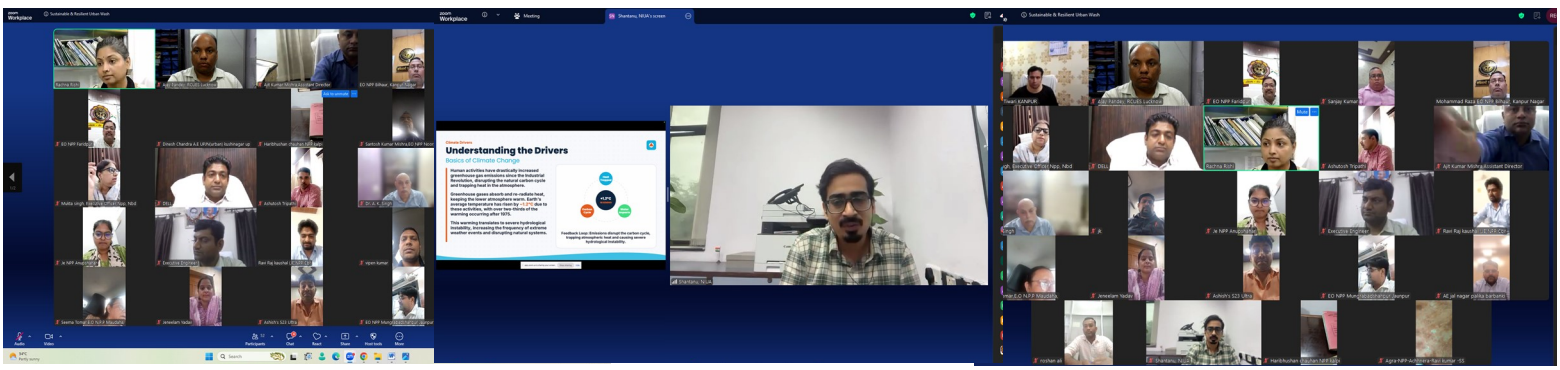
The programme underscored the role of Urban Local Bodies in strengthening WASH infrastructure, improving operational efficiency and ensuring the sustainability of water and sanitation services. Emphasis was also placed on resource conservation, effective municipal management and institutional coordination to build resilient urban systems capable of addressing growing service demands and environmental challenges.

PARTICIPANTS

The webinar witnessed the participation of 49 urban functionaries and professionals, including Executive Officers, Executive Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Junior Engineers (E&M), Revenue Inspectors, Accounts Clerks, Accountants, Sanitary and Food Inspectors, Water Works Engineers, Senior Programme Managers, Safai Nayaks, SBM Clerks and other municipal personnel from Urban Local Bodies.

COORDINATION

The webinar was coordinated by **Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra**, Assistant Director and **Ms. Rachna Rishi**, Publication Officer, RCUES, Lucknow.



TRAINING PROGRAMME ON GENDER, EQUITY, DISABILITY (PWD) & SOCIAL INCLUSION IN COLLABORATION WITH NIUA, NEW DELHI

BACKGROUND

Inclusive urban development is essential for ensuring that the benefits of urbanisation reach all sections of society, irrespective of gender, age, disability or socio-economic background. Women, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and other socially vulnerable groups often face barriers in accessing urban infrastructure, basic services, public spaces and opportunities for participation in urban governance. Addressing these inequalities requires Urban Local Bodies to adopt inclusive planning approaches and integrate the principles of Gender Equity, Disability Inclusion and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) into municipal policies, programmes and service delivery.

Recognising the importance of building inclusive and equitable cities, RCUES, Lucknow, in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi, organised a two-day training programme on *Gender, Equity, PWD & Social Inclusion on* 21–22 July 2026 . The programme aimed to sensitise municipal functionaries to the challenges faced by marginalised groups and strengthen their capacities to incorporate inclusive practices into urban planning, infrastructure development and municipal service delivery.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To enhance understanding of gender equity, disability inclusion and social inclusion in the context of urban development and governance.
- To sensitise municipal functionaries to the specific needs and challenges faced by women, persons with disabilities and vulnerable sections of society.
- To familiarise participants with inclusive planning approaches and the principles of universal accessibility in urban infrastructure and public spaces.



- To strengthen the capacity of ULBs to integrate gender-responsive and socially inclusive practices into municipal policies, programmes and service delivery.
- To promote equitable access to basic urban services and encourage inclusive participation in local governance and decision-making.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

The two-day training programme focused on the importance of integrating gender equity, disability inclusion and social inclusion into urban governance and municipal service delivery. The sessions highlighted the need to recognise diverse community needs while planning urban infrastructure, public spaces and essential municipal services.

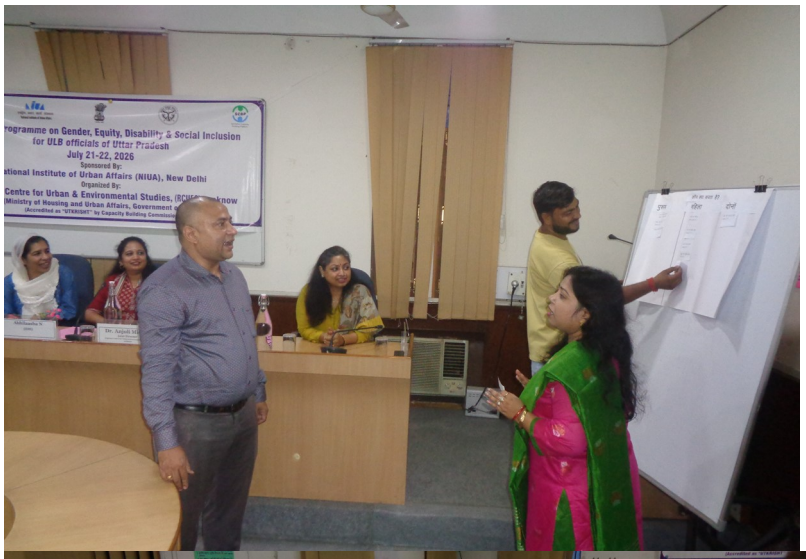
Emphasis was placed on understanding the barriers experienced by women, persons with disabilities and socially vulnerable groups in accessing urban facilities and services. The programme explored the role of municipal functionaries in promoting inclusive and accessible urban environments through responsive planning, improved service delivery and institutional commitment. The collaboration with NIUA, New Delhi, provided an institutional platform for strengthening knowledge and promoting inclusive approaches to urban development.

PARTICIPANTS

The programme was attended by 27 municipal functionaries from Uttar Pradesh, including Executive Officers, Chief Sanitary and Food Inspectors, District Programme Managers (DPMs), Junior Engineers, Sanitary and Food Inspectors, Clerks and Supervisors from Urban Local Bodies.

COORDINATION

The training was coordinated by **Mr. Ajit Kumar Mishra**, Assistant Director and **Ms. Rachna Rishi**, Publication Officer, RCUES, Lucknow.









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

BACKGROUND

Urban sanitation is a key priority for improving public health, environmental sustainability and the overall quality of life in cities. The Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0) envisions garbage-free cities through sustainable solid waste management, source segregation, scientific processing of waste, remediation of legacy dumpsites and improved sanitation systems. Achieving these objectives requires effective institutional leadership, community participation and active engagement of elected representatives in urban governance.

Recognising the pivotal role of municipal leadership in translating the objectives of SBM-U 2.0 into action at the city level, RCUES, Lucknow organised a series of six Orientation Training Programmes for Elected Representatives of Municipal Bodies of Uttar Pradesh. The programmes were designed to familiarise municipal Chairpersons with the mission's objectives, key components and implementation strategies, while strengthening their understanding of their leadership responsibilities in promoting cleanliness and sustainable sanitation practices.

List of Trainings		
Date	**No of Participants**	**Coordination**
07-08 July, 2026	**13**	Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director
14-15 July, 2026	**14**	Dr. Nasruddin, Assistant Director
04-05 August, 2026	**17**	Mr. Himanshu Chandra,Assistant Director
18-19 August, 2026	**18**	Dr. Nasruddin, Assistant Director
01-02 September, 2026	**23**	Mr. Himanshu Chandra, Assistant Director
08-09 September, 2026	**19**	Dr. Nasruddin, Assistant Director

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To orient elected representatives on the vision, objectives and key components of Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0.
- To familiarise participants with strategies for achieving garbage-free cities through effective solid waste management and sanitation practices.
- To strengthen the leadership and oversight roles of municipal Chairpersons in planning and implementing sanitation initiatives.
- To promote public participation, behavioural change and community engagement in maintaining urban cleanliness.
- To enhance understanding of the importance of institutional coordination, monitoring and accountability in achieving SBM-U 2.0 targets.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:













The series of six orientation programmes focused on familiarising municipal Chairpersons with the key priorities and implementation framework of Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0. The training highlighted the importance of source segregation, door-to-door waste collection, scientific processing and disposal of solid waste, management of legacy waste and strengthening sanitation services in Urban Local Bodies.

Emphasis was placed on the role of elected representatives as institutional leaders and change agents in driving municipal cleanliness initiatives. The programmes also highlighted the importance of community mobilisation, public awareness, interdepartmental coordination and regular monitoring to ensure effective implementation of the mission. Through these orientations, participants were sensitised to their responsibilities in providing leadership and building public ownership of the vision of clean and garbage-free cities.

PARTICIPANTS

A total of 104 elected representatives, comprising Chairpersons of Municipal Bodies across Uttar Pradesh, participated in the six orientation programmes.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT URBAN WASH IN COLLABORATION WITH NIUA, NEW DELHI

BACKGROUND

Access to safe water, adequate sanitation and hygienic living conditions is fundamental to public health and sustainable urban development. Rapid urbanisation, growing water demand, pressure on existing infrastructure and challenges associated with wastewater management call for integrated and resilient Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) systems. Urban Local Bodies play a critical role in ensuring the effective delivery, operation and maintenance of these essential services.

With the objective of strengthening municipal capacities for sustainable urban service delivery, RCUES, Lucknow, in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi, organised a two-day training programme on *Sustainable & Resilient Urban WASH* on 24–25 August 2026 The programme focused on enhancing the technical and institutional understanding of municipal functionaries and promoting sustainable approaches to water and sanitation management.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To strengthen participants' understanding of sustainable and resilient urban WASH systems and their significance in improving public health and urban liveability.
- To familiarise municipal functionaries with integrated approaches to water supply, sanitation and wastewater management.
- To enhance knowledge of sustainable water resource management, conservation and efficient utilisation.
- To strengthen the capacity of ULBs in planning, implementing and maintaining reliable and resilient WASH infrastructure.
- To promote institutional coordination and effective municipal practices for improving the accessibility, efficiency and sustainability of urban WASH services.

TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

The two-day training programme focused on the key dimensions of sustainable urban WASH, highlighting the importance of integrated water and sanitation management in addressing the challenges of rapidly growing urban areas. The programme emphasised the need for strengthening municipal systems to ensure reliable water supply, improved sanitation services and environmentally responsible wastewater management.

Discussions highlighted the role of municipal functionaries in planning, implementing and maintaining WASH infrastructure, along with the importance of efficient resource utilisation, operational management and institutional coordination. The programme also reinforced the need to adopt sustainable and resilient approaches to urban water and sanitation services to meet the





present and future needs of urban communities.

PARTICIPANTS

The programme was attended by 28 municipal functionaries, including Executive Officers, Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Revenue Inspectors and Clerks from Urban Local Bodies.

COORDINATION

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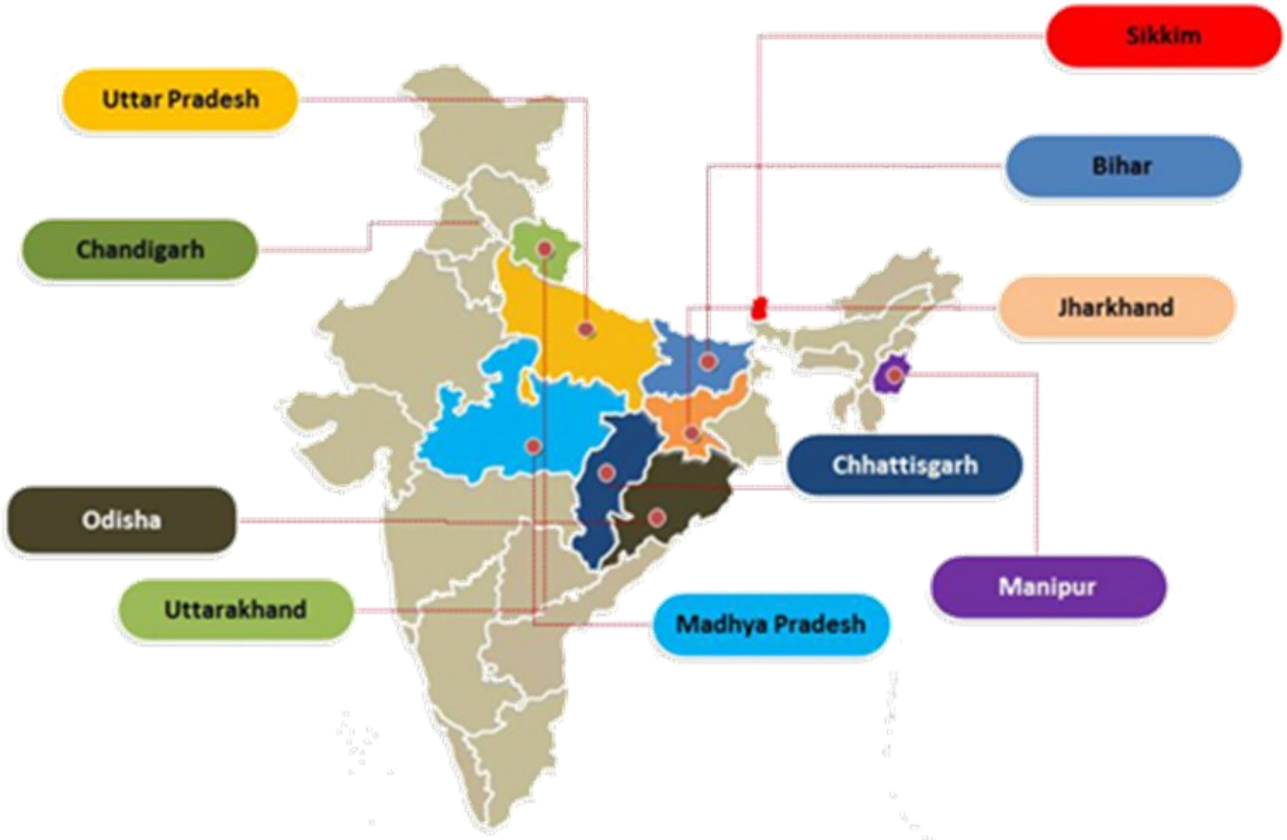




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