

Report
Knowledge Enhancement Workshop for City Managers
Under Rajasthan City Mayor Learning Platform
At Hotel Amantra Comfort, Udaipur, June 14, 2016

CUTS International is working towards improving urban governance in Rajasthan and recently signed a MoU on capacity building of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) with Department of Local Self Government, Govt. of Rajasthan. To take the agenda forward, CUTS with the support of The Asia Foundation, India initiated the project named 'Rajasthan City Mayors' Learning Platform'. As part of this initiative, Mayors Conferences are being organised to create space for heads of city government to discuss the common issue of ULBs towards improvement on sharing and learning basis.

Apart from mayors' conferences, knowledge enhancement workshops for municipal officials who are the real city managers are also planned as part of the capacity building programme. These workshops will be attended by officials of selected ULBs and best practices and innovative approaches will be presented by the expert resource person of identified organisations and institutions across the nation.

The first Knowledge Enhancement Workshop for municipal officials was organised on June 14, 2016 at Hotel Amantra Comfort, Udaipur under the 'Rajasthan City Mayor Learning Platform' with active collaboration of Department of Local Self Government, Rajasthan and Udaipur Municipal Corporation. Workshop was attended by the 22 officials from Udaipur Municipal Corporation, various councils and other urban local bodies of Udaipur division. D. Sudhakar, Executive Engineer from Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation was the resource person and delivered the sessions on Integrated Solid Waste Management Practices. The opening session was presided over by Lokesh Dvivedi, Deputy Mayor of Udaipur as the Chief Guest. Mandakini Surie, Senior Programme Officer, The Asia Foundation (TAF), New Delhi also marked her participation in the opening session.



Proceedings:

Varidhi Singh, Project Officer, CUTS, welcomed the participants, resource person and guests and briefed about the objective of the workshop.

Amar Deep Singh, Project Coordinator, CUTS presented the introductory remarks. He oriented the participants about CUTS and its initiatives in the Urban Governance Sector. He shared about citizen engagement initiatives under My City and then taking it to a next level in the form of project named 'Rajasthan City Mayor Learning Platform'. Further to that, he presented a background of Knowledge Enhancement Workshops, which is a non-financial collaboration between CUTS & Department of Local Self Government; Govt. of Rajasthan to enhance the capacities of city managers through sharing of best practices and updating them with latest technological and theoretical know-hows of the urban governance sector.

Mandakini Surie, Programme Officer, The Asia Foundation congratulated CUTS for organising this workshop for the city managers of Udaipur Sub-Division. She briefed the participants about The Asia Foundation & CUTS collaborative history in the field of Urban Governance. She mentioned that CUTS citizen engagement approach used in MyCity project is one of the best example of civic participation for improving urban governance. The project implementation created a good momentum in the area of urban governance field. They have good experience working at ground level.

Lokesh Dvivedi, Deputy Mayor of Udaipur delivered the inaugural address. He appreciated CUTS for making strenuous efforts for organising the workshop capacity building of municipal officials in Udaipur city. He shared the need of practical experience of such best practices and innovative approaches. On this note, he also urged the participants to take optimum use of this opportunity in updating and enhancing their knowledge and bringing them into action on the field.



D. Sudhakar presided as the resource person in main technical session. He is the Executive Engineer from Hyderabad Municipal Corporation. The theme of the session was Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM). He made the participants apprised of the fact that ISWM is a gigantic theme of various inter related components. Through his presentation on ISWM in Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), he touched upon the concepts of Urbanisation, Sources & Reasons of Solid Waste Generation, MSW Rules, 2000, Need, Scope & Advantages of ISWM and Public- Private Partnership. He stressed the participants to update them on MSW Rules-2000, which is one of the basic premises of working in the field of ISWM.

Open Discussion:

The technical session was able to generate a good response from participants. Participants freely put up their queries in front of resource person who in turn was successful in responding to them satisfactorily.

After the technical session and open discussion with the participants, resource person came out with specific suggestion to have more technical sessions or workshops on these topics:

- Swachh Bharat Mission guidelines for financial support to ULBs
- MSW Rules 2000 and methods of solid waste management
- PPP concept and its benefits to ULBs

Vote of Thanks:

Amar Deep Singh presented the vote of thanks to the participants and the resource person for making efforts to attend this workshop. The participants were provided resource materials in soft copies for the reference.

Programme Schedule

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Hotel Amantra Comfort, Udaipur on Tuesday, June 14, 2016

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10:30-11:00	Registration & Tea
11:00-11:15	Welcome & Brief about 'Rajasthan City Mayors Learning Platform' <i>Amar Deep Singh, Project Coordinator, CUTS</i> Opening Remarks: <i>Mandakini D. Surie, Senior Programme Officer, The Asia Foundation, New Delhi</i> Inaugural Address: Sh. Lokesh Dvivedi, <i>Hon'ble Deputy Mayor, Udaipur Municipal Corporation</i>
11:15-12:15	Technical Session: Solid Waste Management-Best practices and effective implementation (Resource Person) Mr. D. Sudhakar, Executive Engineer, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad
12:15-12:30	Tea Break
12:30-01:00	Open Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Discussion on points emerged from the technical session</i>
01:00 - 01.05	Summing up & Vote of Thanks: <i>Varidhi Singh, Project Officer, CUTS</i>
01.05 onwards	Lunch & Departure