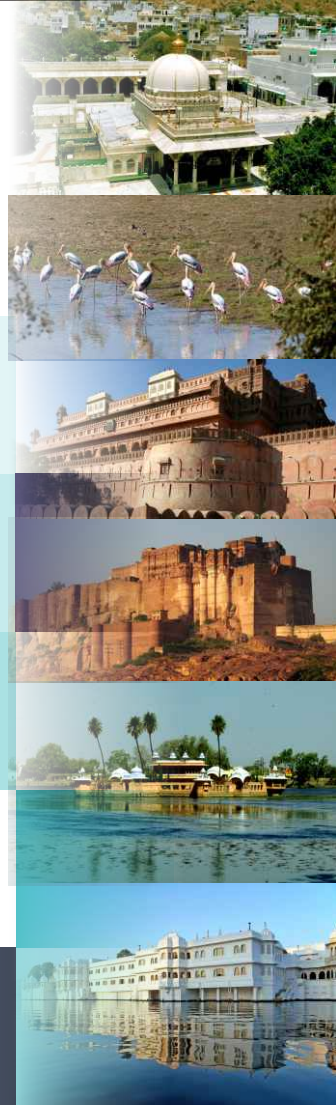


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Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), International in partnership with The Asia Foundation (TAF) is implementing an urban governance intervention named 'MyCity' in Jaipur. Its specific objective was to improve the quality of services delivery by Urban Local Bodies

(ULBs) through enhanced civic engagement using social accountability approaches. The project achieved its outcomes as it was visible in its recognition among various stakeholders including citizens, officials and public representatives of the targeted wards of the city.

Citizens were benefited by the platform provided to them to resolve ward-level issues through elected representatives and concerned officials. Local problems were resolved at the local level. Efforts were aimed to make Jaipur city more convenient and livable for its citizens through their active engagement.

One major findings of the intervention was the lack of resources available with ULBs and delegation of powers from state to ULBs. There are policy related issues which need to be taken forward through a collaborative effort of all stakeholders including heads of ULBs, i.e. Mayors. It has been realised that there is no formal platform where Mayors of Rajasthan can discuss the urban governance-related issues and come out with a strategy.

In this context, CUTS initiated and created a platform 'Rajasthan City Mayors' Learning Platform (RCMLP)' to improve the urban governance in the state through enhanced sharing of experiences and learning from each other. Mayors' conferences are being organised under this initiative where Mayors and Deputy Mayors of different municipal corporations (MCs) are participating. This platform is being used to discuss larger issues of urban local governance and share the best and innovative practices by city governments.

Specific objectives of the project are to:

- build exclusive platform of city Mayors;
- create space for Mayors to discuss the common issue of MCs towards improvement on sharing and learning basis; and
- share and advocate needed policy reforms in accordance with the constitutional provisions.



MoU with Local Self Government

As part of urban governance work in Rajasthan and to create a pathway for smooth implementation of Mayors' learning platform, CUTS signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Local Self Government (LSG), Government of Rajasthan for capacity building of ULBs on October 12, 2015. Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International and Purushottam Biyani, Director-cum-Joint Secretary, Department of LSG signed the MoU in the presence of Rajpal Singh Shekhawat, Minister, Urban Development & Housing and Manjeet Singh, Principal Secretary, LSG, Government of Rajasthan.





Mayors Conferences

CUTS organised the First Mayors' conference at **Jaipur**, on February 17, 2016. The event witnessed the presence of Mayors, Deputy Mayors from various MCs, chairmen of councils and officials. Mayors of Jaipur, Bharatpur, Kota, Udaipur, and Bikaner and Deputy Mayors of Bharatpur and Ajmer; ULB Chairperson of Baran, Bundi and Chittorgarh participated. Purushottam Biyani, Director-cum-Joint Secretary, LSG Department, Government of Rajasthan was special invitee. RK Vijayvargiya, Senior Town Planner of Department of LSG; Himani Tiwari, Coordinator, Citi Managers Association of Rajasthan (CMAR) and BS Rathore, Coordinator, Rajasthan Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) put forth their views.

CUTS organised the Second Mayors' conference at **Udaipur** on April 27, 2016. The conference witnessed the presence of Chandra Singh Kothari, Mayor of Udaipur; Nirmal Nahata, Mayor of Jaipur and Sunita Vyas, Deputy Mayor of Kota; Madhubala Purohit, Chairperson of Banswara; and K K Gupta, Chairperson of Dungarpur. Himani Tiwari, Coordinator, CMAR, Department of LSG, Government of Rajasthan was special invitee. Few other elected representatives from Kota, Udaipur as well as officials from Udaipur Municipal Corporation, Zonal office of City Planning Department were also present.

CUTS organised the Third Mayors' conference at **Bharatpur** on July 26, 2016. The conference witnessed the presence of more than 25 public representatives of ULBs, officials and media representatives from Bharatpur Municipal Corporation. Shiv Singh Bhont, Mayor of Bharatpur; Indrapal Singh, Deputy Mayor of Bharatpur; S S Vaishnav, Consultant & Adviser, Finance Department, Government of Rajasthan; Sumit Singh, Coordinator, Smart Ward Initiative; chairpersons of various MCs of Bharatpur, Sawai Madhopur and Gangapur. K K Sharma, Chief Engineer, Directorate of Local Bodies, Government of Rajasthan was special invitee. Few other elected representatives from Bharatpur as well as officials from Bharatpur Municipal Corporation, Zonal office of City Planning Department participated.





Knowledge Enhancement Workshops for City Managers

The first Knowledge Enhancement Workshop was organised at **Udaipur** on June 14, 2016 with active collaboration of Department of LSG and Udaipur Municipal Corporation. D. Sudhakar, Executive Engineer from Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation was the resource person and delivered 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 participated.

The second Knowledge Enhancement Workshop was organised at **Kota** on June 15, 2016. It was attended by 26 officials from Kota Municipal Corporation, various councils and other ULBs of Udaipur division. D Sudhakar, Executive Engineer from Hyderabad Municipal Corporation was the resource person and delivered sessions on Integrated Solid Waste Management Practices. The opening session was presided over by Sunita Vyas, Deputy Mayor of Kota as the Chief Guest.

The third Knowledge Enhancement Workshop was organised at **Jaipur** on August 22, 2016. It was attended by 23 participants included JEN's and AEN's etc. The workshop was chaired by Purushottam Biyani, Director cum Joint Secretary, Department of Local Self Government. D Sudhakar, Executive Engineer from Hyderabad Municipal Corporation sessions on Integrated Solid Waste Management Practices. Amar Deep Singh presented civic engagement in urban services whereas Arvind Diwan, Chief Account Officer of Finance Department spoke about 'Public Procurement Policies and Act'.

The fourth Knowledge Enhancement Workshop was organised at **Ajmer** on August 23, 2016. The workshop was chaired by Dharmendra Gehlot, Hon'ble Ajmer Municipal Corporation, Ajmer. D Sudhakar, Executive Engineer from Hyderabad Municipal Corporation was the resource person and delivered sessions on Integrated Solid Waste Management Practices. Amar Deep Singh delivered a presentation on 'Citizen Engagement and Improving Urban Services' and K K Vaishnava, Adviser, Finance Department spoke about 'public procurement polices and Act'.





Study Tour of Municipal Government Officials from Mongolia

15 officials from Municipal Government of Mongolia along with two representatives from TAF, Mongolia visited Jaipur from December 07-11, 2015 on study tour on urban governance. The visit was organised by CUTS with the support of TAF, India.

This tour included in-house sessions on urban governance. Visits to Department of local bodies, Government of Rajasthan and Jaipur Municipal Corporation (JMC) were also arranged to meet officials and understand the scenario of urban governance.

The group also participated in the international conference on Sustainable Habitat and Smart Cities (*Municipalika*) where they met with the Chief Minister of Rajasthan Vasundhara Raje. Field visit was organised at Ward-17, where members got an opportunity to attend an interface meeting and interact with ward-level officials, councillors and local citizens.

Visit was made to Participatory Research in Asia office to know about another urban initiative at Jaipur. The group also visited CUTS to participate in debriefing meeting and applauded its efforts.



Learning Urban Best Practices

George Cheriyan and Amar Deep Singh visited Chennai and Coimbatore cities of Tamil Nadu in Southern India during March 07-12, 2016 for learning on urban governance and best practices. They met with B. Chandra Mohan, Commissioner and R. Kannan (IAS), Deputy Commissioner of Health, Greater Chennai Corporation and discussed urban issues and management during Chennai Flood, sanitation work and other interventions. They also visited Chennai-based Citizen consumer and civic Action Group and discussed urban governance work. Detailed discussion was held on data-driven approaches adopted under the project 'Transparent Chennai'.

They also visited Coimbatore city and met with the met with K. Vijaykartikayen (IAS), Commissioner, Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) and interacted about urban practices and interventions. They met with ICLEI team members and learn more about 'SUNYA Project'. Visit of ward 23 was made which is model ward and met with concerned officials like Zonal Sanitary Officer (West Zone) and Sanitary Supervisor. SUNYA Project is based on zero waste management. They also visited CCMC and met with Dr. Santosh Kumar, Chief Health officer, City Engineer etc.





Decentralised Solid Waste Management



Thiruvananthapuram is the capital of the state of Kerala, and the Municipality came into existence in 1920, which is presently having a population of little more than 9.5 lakh.

In October 2015 there was a major setback to Thiruvananthapuram Corporation. The National Green Tribunal Bench, Chennai, directed the Corporation to close down and dismantle its Vilappilsala centralised waste treatment plant, with immediate effect, saying it is illegal. This incident suddenly made to think the Corporation to shift the responsibility of the solid waste management towards common citizenries, who is generating this waste and started piloting some decentralised model of solid waste management of bio-degradable waste, through organic composting at household level itself.

Today these initiatives of pipe composting, kitchen bins, aerobic-bins, worm composting and bio gas plants have reached most of the households in Trivandrum and people are using these one after other during the whole year.

The project team visited Thiruvananthapuram to witness the good initiatives taken by the Corporation in the recent past. It specifically focussed on the issue of solid waste management and witnessed some of good initiatives taken up for managing the biodegradable waste with people's participation. This organic compost generated at household level is also contributing towards the aim of the State to become completely organic.

It was also observed during the visit that the Attingal Municipality in Thiruvananthapuram district has very good solid waste treatment plant which is an example for others. In Kerala, some of the unique features such as strong position of Mayors being the executive head of the Municipal Corporation, peoples planning and financial viability of the municipalities which are missing in the North Indian states.

All these good practices of Thiruvananthapuram Corporation are strongly advocated for all ULBs in Rajasthan to be adopted.



Zero Garbage Project

Amar Deep Singh visited Pune, Maharashtra during August 31-September 02, 2016 on learning best practices of urban services. He learned about the Zero Garbage project being implemented by Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) in collaboration with Janwani, Pune-based organisations. Under this project, garbage is being segregated at primary collection level. Each household keeps two separate bins for dry and wet waste and handover to the sanitation workers. These workers belong to Swachh Cooperative, which was formed by rag pickers in 2007. Dry waste goes to recycling process whereas wet is transferred to composting yards. He visited Katraj Prabhad (Ward) where wet waste is being converted into biogas and generating electricity. It is used in the public lighting system. Vasant More, Nagar Sevak (Ward Cooperator) of Katraj wanted to make his ward best in the city and with the support of PMC, Janwani, Swachh Cooperative and many others it happened.

He also met and interacted with Alice Pore, Additional Municipal Commissioner, PMC. She informed that PMC provides best possible support to Swachh workers like health insurance, safety gadgets, identity cards, time to time trainings, educational support to their families etc. PMC also spent good amount on IEC activities to make



people aware of such interventions and get support of them.

Mangal Pagare, Coordinator, Swachh Cooperative informed that at present 8,000 rag pickers are involved in door-to-door collection and segregation of waste. Every day 300 tonnes of dry waste is collected by Swachh workers.

Visit of Vice President/COO of TAF

Suzanne E. Siskel, Executive Vice President and COO of TAF along with Madakini Surie, Senior Programme Officer visited CUTS on July 28, 2016 to see the ongoing programme RCMLP. George Cheriyan made a presentation on urban governance and challenges. He also briefed about CUTS urban interventions with TAF. They visited JMC and had a meeting with Manoj Bhardwaj, Deputy Mayor.



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