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Solid Waste Management

Glimpses 'Mo Khata'

As per the suggestions of Principal Secretary during SLAB meeting, Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Department has started conducting meeting with concerned officers to ensure procurement of 'Mo Khata' from Wealth Centres of ULBs.



2.25 MT of 'Mo Khata' sold to the Assistant Director, Sericulture, Baripada



2.2 MT of 'Mo Khata' transferred to Assistant Director of Horticulture from Wealth Center in Rairakhol NAC



1.135 MT of 'Mo Khata' sold to Asst. Soil Conservation Officer, Champua



2.2 MT of 'Mo Khata' sold to Forest Department at Bhawanipatna Municipality



Media coverage of Special Secretary A& FE, conducting meeting at Keonjharhargh Municipality



'Mo Khata' kiosk being inaugurated by Hon'ble MLA in Balasore Municipality

ISO certification for MCCs/MRFs

101 Wealth Centres in 62 ULBs have received ISO certification so far for the functional MCCs and MRFs. ISO 9001 is the internationally recognized standard for Quality Management Systems (QMS) which provides the basis for effective processes and effective people at Wealth Centres to deliver effective product or service time after time. IS 14001:2015 specifies the requirements for a management system that the Wealth Centre can use to enhance its performance. It is intended for use by Wealth Centres seeking to manage its environmental responsibilities in a systematic manner that contributes to the environmental pillar of sustainability.



Visit of officials of NITI Aayog to Odisha



Representative from the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) visited Keonjharhargh Municipality on behalf of NITI Aayog to undertake a study on "Technological innovation in solid waste management." Besides discussing with ULB officials he visited the Wealth Centre and interacted with the Swacha Karmis, Facility Managers. He was presented with 'Mo khata' as a memento by the Swacha Karmis.

The CSE team also visited all the Wealth Centres in Dhenkanal Municipality and interacted with Mission Shakti SHGs, rag pickers and transgender groups as part of their study on best practice on "Material Processing in SWM system." They also interacted with citizens and took feedback from users. Paradeep Municipality was another ULB which the Team visited to study "Sustainable Economic Model."

The visits are part of the documentation of best practices by the NITI Aayog on various aspects of SWM to promote circularity in municipal solid waste management. NITI Aayog has partnered with CSE to collect evidences from the ground.

E-Waste management in ULBs

As part of implementation of E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, awareness drives and door-to-door collection of E-waste has started in the ULBs. As per the letter issued by the Department, E-waste would now be collected by the ULBs on each Saturday of the week and would be transported to MRF and kept in the E-corner over there. The collected E-waste will be channelised to the registered recyclers designated by the SPCB, Odisha,



Swaccha Charcha Diwas observed in ULBs

Swaccha Charcha Diwas is being organised by all ULBs in the State on 20th of every month. Citizen groups, RWAs, students and representatives of NGOs, Market Committees and other associations are invited by the ULB to deliberate on key sanitation issues in the wards and the ULB. The participants are encouraged to share their views, identify and resolve issues with support from the ULB and to participate in keeping the towns and cities clean.



Integration of women ragpickers in Solid Waste Management



Women Raggickers group members of Loco Colony, Jatni Municipality are in monthly meeting and discussed about their work plan for wage initiative programme 'MUKTA and MRF' work with the guidance of NULM supporting staff.

Sanitation Parks created in Wealth Centres



Sanitation park created in Wealth Centre at Rairangpur Municipality



Solid Waste dump yard transformed into sanitation park at the Wealth Centre in Keonjhar Municipal Corporation



Keonjhar Municipal Corporation

Faecal Sludge and Septage Management

Capacity Building of Mission Shakti SHGs on O&M of SeTP



Following the completion of virtual classroom training on SeTP O&M of Mission Shakti Groups, the on-ground training has begun in full swing at plan sites in the 34 ULBs. The women and transgender SHGs are being trained on the SeTP components, functioning, treatment process, various aspects of regular and periodic maintenance and safety precautions. The O&M of the SeTP will be transferred to the trained SHGs after the completion of the onsite training.

Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge



BeMC support Safaimitras with Livelihoods opportunities

Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC) has successfully identified additional 7 potential Safaimitras for availing the loan under the Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers of NSKFDC. The ULB has provided 7 years of work assurance letters to the potential Safaimitras who shall procure equipment and vehicles required for mechanized cleaning under the Scheme. The total loan amount is approximately INR 50,84,894. With this, BeMC has supported a total of 14 Safaimitras to avail loan under the scheme.

Awareness campaign in BeMC

BeMC organized a 10-day public awareness Campaign in all the 40 wards of the City to educate citizens, sanitation workers and other stakeholders on the importance of following best practices while cleaning septic tank and stormwater drains. The campaign was part of two unique initiatives - *Mo Ward Mo Garba* (My Ward My Pride) and *Ama Safaimitra Ama Daitwa* (Our Safaimitras our Responsibility) – a step towards uplifting the health, safety and dignity of sanitation workers in Berhampur.

Loan Mela in Rourkela & Puri

Loan Melas for sanitation workers were organised in Puri Municipality and Rourkela Municipal Corporation (RMC) in collaboration with NSKFDC on 29th and 30th July respectively. A total of 90 Safaimitras attended the programme in Puri in which 25 loan interests were captured. 84 Safaimitras participated in the RMC and 18 sewer cleaning & septic tank cleaning machines/equipment have been identified by the ULB for procurement under the NSKFDC scheme. The participants in both the ULBs were oriented on the "Manhole to Machine Hole" initiative and the importance of Loan Mela and the facilities available under the schemes.



“Garima Halls” for Core Sanitation Workers

In launching of Garima Scheme, the State Government has pledged to create a safe and dignified working environment for the Core Sanitation Workers. These workers, while working in harsh weather conditions, face difficulties in commuting to work, accessing wash facilities and carrying necessary equipment at the work site. Their safety and dignity is heavily compromised by lack of access to basic cleaning, washing and resting facilities. As a result, “Garima Halls” are being set up as a pilot project across three cities of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri. Equipped with dedicated washing and resting facilities, these halls will act as storage/resting sheds for the Core Sanitation Workers. They have been carefully designed to include internal and external washing areas, air conditioned resting areas with chairs, storage areas with individual lockers, washrooms and changing rooms. Catering to all the workers involved in sewer maintenance at the moment, 24 “Garima Halls” are being set up across the three cities. The path breaking initiative is one of a kind in the country and aims to bring dignity and comfort to the lives of those involved in hazardous cleaning activities, thereby realising one of most important objectives of Garima Scheme.



Notification of Core Sanitation Work in Skilled & Highly Skilled Category of Scheduled Employment

Labour and Employee’s State Insurance (L&ESI) Department through an official notification has announced the inclusion of Core Sanitation Work within skilled and highly skilled categories schedule of Employments. This is a step forward in terms of provision of appropriate wages to workers who perform arduous nature of work while performing Core Sanitation jobs. This initiative has been taken up by the L&ESI Department as a part of implementation of the scheme “Garima”, launched on 11th September, 2020 by the Housing & Urban Development Department for safety and dignity of Core Sanitation Workers.

With the new classifications, the Core Sanitation Workers belonging to the highly skilled and skilled category of employment will be eligible to get an enhanced minimum wage of Rs. 461.00 and Rs. 401.00 for Grade-I and Grade-II respectively by enhancing @ 50% and 33% respectively for the Core Sanitation Workers. Prior to this, Core Sanitation Work was not a part of the Schedule of Employments and they were provided with minimum wages pertaining to the unskilled category of employments which was Rs. 303.40.



Visit by officials of CPHEEO

Senior officials of CPHEEO, MoHUA visited Odisha from 22-24th July to conduct a workshop on guidelines of SBM(U). They also visited Cuttack, Athagad, Dhenkanal, Konark, Nimapada to understand the decentralised treatment system adopted by the State. Shri V.K Chaurasia, Joint Advisor, CPHEEO and Rohit Kakar, Deputy Advisor during their field visits interacted with ULB officials, visited FSTPs and deliberated on waste water management options.



Visit by official of DWSS



Additional Secretary, Department of Water Supply and Sanitation (DWSS), Govt. of India visited the FSTP in Dhenkanal to study urban-rural FSSM managed by women members of the Mission Shakti groups. During this visit, he met the Collector, PD and other senior officers from the state & district.

Orientation on RSA and ERSU



Orientation being held at Sambalpur Municipality Corporation

Orientation of ULB, PHEO and WATCO officials trained on roles and responsibilities of Responsible Sanitation Authority (RSA) and setting up of Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSU) was organised on 15th July. The Department has notified officials as RSA who shall have to set up ERSU to ensure that no person, ULB or agency shall engage or employ, either directly or indirectly, any hazardous cleaning of a sewer or a septic tank.