

JAGA mission

Overview of JAGA mission

In several cities across the world there lies an apparent gap between tall buildings and slums. In a move to bridge that gap in Odisha, the government introduced the JAGA Mission in 2017. Since its inception, several beneficiaries have received land titles that are both heritable and non-transferable in nature. While the land is guaranteed under the scheme, Biju Adarsh Colony, one of its wings, spearheads the development of basic amenities and infrastructure in slums. Through the two components of the JAGA Mission, slums have now found a way to integrate with the mainstream city as they are being revamped with all basic facilities and services. Decentralisation has been given a push through the creation of Slum Development Associations (SDAs) that allow the community to take a call on infrastructure upgradation. The Mission strongly puts a hold on the expansion of slums in urban areas with the simple act of developing the existing spaces. Altogether, it is deemed one of India's most successful slum policy interventions.

Scope

Since 2018, the JAGA Mission has been functional across 114 ULBs of Odisha where it positively impacts approximately 1.7 million people. The funds procured from various sources are being put to best use under the Biju Adarsh Colony programme. Through this initiative, corporations have received 7.25 crores towards land rights and 2.1 crores for new settlements. The Mission continues to make a difference in the lives of slum dwellers.



Key features of the mission

- **LAND RIGHTS TO SLUM DWELLERS**

1. In August 2017, the state government passed the Odisha Land Rights to Slum Dwellers Act wherein slum dwellers were granted land rights for up to 30 square metres. This is first of its kind initiative in the country where the contribution of slum dwellers towards development has been rewarded rightfully.
2. The government has earned the confidence of grassroots organisations and associations of slum dwellers by incorporating them for the implementation of the Act.
3. The Mission has put technology to the right use by adopting drones for mapping purposes.
4. The married couples jointly share the land title and a single person can avail of the same benefit in their name alone.
5. The land rights certificate issued by the government can be used as proof of address for all purposes.
6. What started with Notified Area Councils and municipalities has now been extended to 5 Municipal Corporations.

- **BIJU ADARSH COLONY AND MO TOILET**

1. Eradication of slums would mean the loss of homes for the urban poor. Instead, the Biju Adarsh Colony programme has uplifted the latter through the development and restructuring of slums. These areas need infrastructure to become more habitable and the initiative provides 9 basic infrastructures such as paver block road, storm water drainage, street lights, parichay centres, open space development, child play area, individual electricity connection, individual pipe water connection and individual household toilets to all slum households.
2. In 2022-23, the Biju Adarsh Colony program has taken a special interest in the construction of 'MO Toilets'. This initiative has been undertaken after a study revealed that out of 3,96,028 households in 2,919 slums, 67,031 households did not have their individual toilets.

- **SLUM PROOFING AND DE- LISTING**

Migration can be termed one of the leading causes of slum establishment as labourers look for feasible alternatives to live in. However, their migration is not uncalled for as they are essential contributors to the economy. They deserve affordable and habitable areas. Upon restructuring slums with better amenities, JAGA Mission aims to delist them and declare cities as slum-free.

- **NEW LIVEABLE HABITAT**

1. Slum upgradation and delisting were prioritised by the government in order to integrate these spaces into the city. Nevertheless, the certain population lived in areas that were either environmentally hazardous or were under significant threat of eviction. The government of Odisha then focused on creating New Livable Habitats with the motive of granting their 'right to city'. In this process, the aim was to leave nobody behind.
2. Subsequently, the people who lived in non-habitable places were offered alternatives which also included relocation to developed slums. As a part of this Mission, slum dwellers on objectionable areas were moved en masse to safe, livable spaces. Again, the project attained success as it opted for a beneficiary-led approach where they were able to make use of all the available housing schemes.

Progress so far

Granting land rights has taken the lead among all concerns of the government as a part of which drone survey and USHA survey are underway in 5 municipal corporations. Along with this, land classification is being changed at the municipality and Notified Area Councils in order to utilise it for providing land rights. Currently, 16 construction projects are in progress across Odisha which will eventually become homes for slum dwellers. Alongside this, SDAs are being strengthened to continue to have a citizen-centric approach throughout the process of implementation.

Keeping up with speedy processing by March 2023, the government has an ambitious goal of completing the USHA survey and field scrutiny for 1,00,000 households. It also aims to grant 10,000 land rights in Municipalities/ Notified Area Councils. Four New Habitats to be completed in this period whilst transforming 200 slums into Biju Adarsh Colonies.

Impact



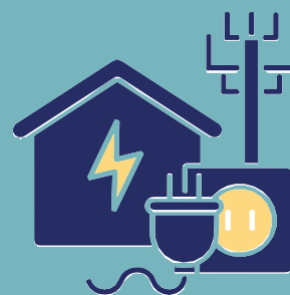
173,000 slum families have Land Rights/Land Entitlement certificates, providing security of tenure and mitigating the fear of eviction to 11,357 people in FY 2022-23



725 slums in total transformed to Biju Adarsh colonies with basic amenities to address the primary inequalities prevailing in urban areas, **167** transformed



4,137 MO Toilets have been completed and another **3,855** toilets are under construction.



2,919 slums have now access to **100%** electricity connections, **2,724** slums have access to **100%** water connections and **666** slums have **100%** IH



2,919 SDAs signed MoU with ULBs to function as a 4th tier of government and **43,785** leaders have been trained for the purpose.

Significant milestones

The year 2022-23 has paved a successful path wherein two cities namely Hinjilikut and Digapahandi achieved slum-free status and the construction of 3 New Habitats concluded. Meanwhile, a pilot has been launched to pioneer slum-proofing in 06 cities to prevent the formation of new slums.

Plan ahead

- Provide 1,00,000 land rights in 5 Municipal Corporations.
- Providing land rights certificate to 20,000 households in Municipalities/Notified Area Councils.
- Transforming 1,901 slums into Biju Adarsh Colony.
- 12 new habitat to be completed

Recognition and awards

The JAGA Mission continues to garner praise and recognition for its splendid vision and execution. It was conferred

the Asia Pacific Housing Forum Award and the World Habitat Broze Award, both in 2019 and 2023.



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