

THE CITY MANAGER

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City Managers' Association Orissa, a Network of Local Governments & Authorities for Sustainable Urban Management & Human Settlement

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Provide Better Services to Citizens through Professional Management

Reforms for Real Change

Government of Orissa won the award for its commitment to implement the JNNURM reforms

Government of India Launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JN NURM) in December 2005, it recognized that more funding of infrastructure projects will not transform cities rather a strong focus on reforms, both at the urban local body (ULB) level and at the state level is essential for a city's sustainable, long-term growth. Urban local bodies need to re-engineer processes by adopting technology and states need to eliminate legal, institutional and financial constraints impeding investments in urban infrastructure and services. JNNURM thus specified a set of comprehensive reforms, which cities would have to implement in the seven-year Mission period. It recognizes the significance of this combination of funding and reforms and its potential to create vibrant, eminently livable, people-friendly cities. 'Commitments to Reforms' is thus the theme of Awards for excellence in Municipal Initiatives 2006-07. The Awards for Excellence in Municipal Initiatives 2006-07 was launched as a joint initiative by CRISIL and Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

Government of Orissa has won the State and Union Territories categories award for its commitment to implement the JNNURM reform agenda at the fastest pace among the competing states. The state has advantage of not having enacted the Rent Control Act and it also repealed the Urban Land Ceiling Act before launching of JNNURM. Building on these advantages, Govt. of Orissa committed to complete reforms in the area of Public Disclosure, Community Participation and Stamp Duty by the third year of JNNURM itself. These commitments have enabled Orissa to emerge as leader among state governments of India

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Shri. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development & PE and Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, IAS Commissioner Cum Secretary receiving award from Union Urban Development Minister

Govt. of Orissa, committed to reduce stamp duty to 5% by the third year of the Mission, to incorporate the provision of the Public Disclosure law in the newly proposed Orissa Municipal law, enact a community participation law by the third year of JNNURM.

Bhubaneswar joined Asian Mayors Kyoto Declaration on the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) for Asian Cities

City Mayors and international experts gathered at the "Asian Mayors' Policy Dialogue for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) in Cities" on 23-24 April 2007, Kyoto, Japan.



Participants of the Policy Dialogue in Kyoto, Japan

During the two-day meeting, 25 mayors from Japan, South Korea, China, India, Thailand and other Asian nations, as well as delegates from international and regional organizations hold discussions on how to solve the environmental and social challenges in urban transportation and share practices and information. As an outcome of the dialogue, the Kyoto Declaration was adopted by the city mayors towards further promotion of EST through city level action plans and programmes.



Representatives from Bhubaneswar & Bangalore City with UNCRD team.

The policy dialogue incorporated city-specific elements under the overall framework of the Regional EST Forum, and brought about greater coordination and collaboration among national and local efforts to realize the goal of sustainability in the transport sector in the Asian region.

Environmentally Sustainable Transport for Asian Cities seeks to offer an alternative to the current mobility form of urban centres that are increasingly chaotic, dangerous, unhealthy and environmental damaging. Measures and practices such as efficient public transport, quality public space and cycle ways, and prudent restrictions on private motorized vehicles have proven effective in not only reducing the negative impacts of unsustainable transport but also in providing a means to improve the basic quality of human life.

At the concluding remarks Mr. Mihir Kumar Mohanty, Mayor Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, said “We need to build cities livable with people-friendly transport system and adoption of the Kyoto Declaration by Asian Mayors was an historic moment for the Asian EST Initiative”.

The Regional EST Forum is a joint initiative of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and the Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan. The EST Forum provides a strategic/ knowledge platform for sharing experiences and disseminating among Asian countries best practices, policy instruments, tools, technologies, in relation to various aspects of EST.

Mr. Piyush Ranjan Rout, Executive Director of City Managers' Association Orissa, adds that "we will promote and set up an Indian EST Forum for promotion of knowledge dissemination among cities". Further stressed the urgency of networking among Asian Cities for the promotion of best practices on EST. CMAO is discussing with UNCRD together with other stakeholders and partners about promotion of EST in cities of Orissa.

City Managers' of Orissa Celebrates “World Habitat Day”

Far away from The Hague City, Netherlands the City Mangers' of Orissa, India celebrated World Habitat Day (WHD) at Bhubaneswar on 1st October 2007. This year the main function was held in Hague, Netherlands. The



Inaugural Session of the WHD Workshop

United Nations has designated the first Monday in October every year as World Habitat Day to reflect on the state of human settlements and the basic right to adequate shelter for all.

The WHD theme for this year was “**A safe city is a just city**”. Mr. Mihir Kumar Mohanty, Mayor of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation inaugurated the conference organised on this occasion.. Mr. Mohanty in his address, mentioned the importance of World Habitat Day and particularly the theme of this year. Crime is one of the serious threats to sustainable social and economic development of cities.

The Habitat Agenda commits nations to improving the living and working conditions. For making inclusive cities, Urban Planners, police, state and society require a dialogue on the creation of safe neighborhoods. Mr. Nikunj Bihari Dhal, president CMAO added that pro-poor planning and skill development is required to protect the poor against the threat of eviction and insecurity of tenure. Mr. Dhal in his welcome address, emphasized on the marginalization of urban poor in the process of urbanisation.

Mr. Piyush Ranjan Rout, Executive Director, CMAO read the message of UNHABITAT. The message highlighted the importance of safety in selecting where to live, work,

and play. As we reach halfway through MDG, there is a need to examine how to improve urban governance. Cities are biggest polluters and require big innovative thinking to reach a solution. On the World Habitat Day let us make our cities safer, greener, inclusive and secure places for everyone to live. Mr. Rout also made a brief presentation on best Practices on the theme. "The theme that brings us together is something that touches us all. Crime and fear of crime is growing inaptly fast at a time half of humanity is now living in urban areas" Mr Rout said.



Participants at the WHD Workshop

The participants of the conference include representatives of Cities, Real Estate Developers Association, University, Housing & Urban Development Corporation, Directorate of Town Planning, Non Government Organisation and Press & Media.,

Fulbright scholar delivered lecture in CMAO

Professor Ravi Kalia, The City College of New York, New York, USA interacted with city managers of Orissa on 3rd August 2007. He gave a lecture on **Bhubaneswar: From A Temple Town to a Capital City**. Ravi Kalia is Professor, Department of History, *The City College of New York*. His teaching assignments include architectural history. Prof. Kalia is presently at the *Centre for the Study of Developing Societies*, Delhi on a Fulbright scholarship.



Prof. Ravi Kalia Delivering Lecture

Honorable Mayor of Bhubaneswar Mr. Mihir Kumar Mohanty chaired the session and Mr. Nikunja Bihari Dhal, President CMAO presided the lecture. The interactive lecture was organized by City Managers' Association Orissa in association with The American Center, Kolkata.



Dear Readers,

I have great pleasure in presenting to you the third and fourth quarter newsletter of 2007 'THE CITY MANAGER' which focuses on various initiatives of our organization.

I am delighted to inform you that our state has won an award from Govt. of India & CRISIL for its commitment to implement the JNNURM reform agenda at the fastest pace among the competing states.

On 31st August 2007 Urban Local Bodies of Orissa celebrated the Local Self Government Day. This year for the first time the day was observed as the year of Clean Cities.

Urban Transport is emerging as big challenge for city managers. In this regard we have participated in Asian Mayors' Policy Dialogue for the Promotion of Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) in Cities", Kyoto, Japan. Mr. Mihir Kumar Mohanty, Mayor of Bhubaneswar signed the Kyoto Declaration on EST.

As part of our leadership series we have organized a lecture on Bhubaneswar: From A Temple Town to a Capital City. Prof. Ravi Kalia from the Department of History, The City College of New York, USA delivered the lecture.

CMAO celebrated World Habitat Day (WHD) at Bhubaneswar on 1st October 2007 with the theme "A safe city is a just city". It was attended by city managers, academicians, media and students etc.

During this period we have conducted various activities to strengthen Urban Governance. You can visit our programmes and activities at

I once again request all concerned to participate in the activities of CMAO, and extend your helping hand.

Nikunja Bihari Dhal

**Nikunja Bihari Dahl, IAS
Vice Chairman
Bhubaneswar Development Authority**

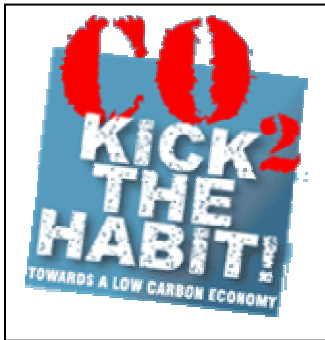
Launch of the International Year of Sanitation 2008

On 21st November 2007 the UN launched the International Year of Sanitation (IYS) to put the current global crisis at the forefront of the political agenda. The ceremony included statements of high level participants and was well attended by UN Member States, NGOs, citizen groups, academics and the private sector as well as members of the Secretary-General's Advisory Board. The discourses delivered reflected the **five key messages** for the international year: sanitation is vital for human health, it generates economic benefits, contributes to dignity and social development, helps the environment, and, providing a framework for action, sanitation is achievable. Indeed, every \$ 1 spent on improving sanitation generates an average economic benefit of \$ 9! Hence, IYS is a call for collective and effective action.

WSSCC encourages its members and partners to convey the key messages to politicians and decision makers to break down the barriers that deprive 2.6 billion people of the chance to defecate in dignity. Learn more about the **International Year of Sanitation** www.wsscc.org

World Environment Day 2008 Kick the Habit! Towards a Low Carbon Economy

World Environment Day, commemorated each year on 5



June, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

The World Environment Day slogan for 2008 is **Kick the Habit! Towards a Low Carbon Economy**. Recognising that climate change is becoming the defining issue of our era, UNEP is asking countries, companies and communities to focus on greenhouse gas emissions and how to reduce them. The World Environment Day will highlight resources and initiatives that promote low carbon economies and life-styles, such as improved energy efficiency, alternative energy sources, forest conservation and eco-friendly consumption.

The day's agenda is to give a human face to environmental issues; empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development; promote an understanding that communities are pivotal to changing attitudes towards environmental issues; and advocate partnership, which will ensure all nations and peoples enjoy a safer and more prosperous future. The main international celebrations of World Environment Day 2008 will be held in Wellington, New Zealand.

When did it all begin?

World Environment Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. Another resolution, adopted by the General Assembly the same day, led to the creation of UNEP.

Bicing Barcelona

In March 2007, the city of Barcelona instituted a new shared transit system to facilitate access and efficiency amongst the existing network of public transportation known as Bicing. The Bicing deployed 200 hundred sharable bicycles to 14 bike stations around the city, and activated an interactive website that allows users to track the availability of bikes in real-time, as well as to look up the proximity of stations from wherever they are.



Bicing stations in Barcelona

Bicing functions much like a car-sharing service, wherein the users join as members on a weekly or annual subscription for a small fee. The membership card provides access for 2-hour consecutive trips, with the first 30 minutes being free, and each succeeding half hour charged at 30 eurocents.

The idea, according to the city council, is to use Bicing in conjunction with other transit systems to make it easier and quicker to get around the city. Since 2007, the service has expanded dramatically -- from 100 bicycles at 14 bike stations around the city to more than 1,500 at 100 stations.

UN Breakthrough on climate change reached in Bali

187 countries met in Bali on Saturday 15th December 2007 and agreed to launch negotiations towards a crucial and strengthened international climate change deal. The decision includes



a clear agenda for the key issues to be negotiated up to 2009. These are: action for adapting to the negative consequences of climate change, such as droughts and floods; ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; ways to widely deploy climate-friendly technologies and financing both

adaptation and mitigation measures. Concluding negotiations in 2009 will ensure that the new deal can enter into force by 2013, following the expiry of the first phase of the Kyoto Protocol. Indonesian Environment Minister and President of the conference, Rachmat Witoelar said: "We now have a Bali roadmap, we have an agenda and we have a deadline."

Earlier, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a finding that if left unchecked, the world's average temperature could rise by as much as 6 degrees centigrade by the end of the century, causing serious harm to economies, societies and ecosystems worldwide.

"This is a real breakthrough, a real opportunity for the international community to successfully fight climate change," said Yvo de Boer, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).



Participants at the Bali Conference



Mr. Mihir Kumar Mohanty, Mayor BMC addressing the delegates.



Mrs. Aparajita Sarangi, Municipal Commissioner BMC addressing the delegates.

Nobel Peace Prize



Oslo, 10 December 07 - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr. were awarded of the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change"

Fourth Session of the World Urban Forum in Nanjing, China

The fourth session of the World Urban Forum will be held in Nanjing Convention and Exhibition Centre, China from 03 - 07



World Urban Forum 4
第四届世界城市论坛
03 - 07 November 2008 Nanjing, China

November 2008 which will be dedicated to the launch of new partnerships, revitalized networks and financing arrangements in support of sustainable urbanization and how to cope with the challenges of climate change.

The Forum is the world's premier conference on cities and the problems they face in a world where half of humanity is urbanized – in the new era of homo urbanus. The theme of the Fourth World Urban Forum is "Harmonious Urbanization: The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development". The World Urban Forum is a biennial gathering that is attended by a wide range of partners from non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, urban professionals, academics, to governments, local authorities and national and international associations of local governments. It gives all these actors a common platform to discuss urban issues in formal and informal ways and come up with action-oriented proposals to create sustainable cities. More details of WUF Session IV may be found at <http://www.unhabitat.org/wuf>

National Workshop on Review of JNNURM Reform Agenda Implementation

The National Workshop on Review of JNNURM Reform Agenda Implementation was held on 29 November 2007, at New Delhi. It was organized by NIUA, Ministry of Urban Development (Government of India) with support from Indo-USAID FIRE-D Project. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the status of implementation of the urban reforms, identify the issues/problems encountered and also provide solutions to make the mission more successful.



Dr. P.K. Mohanty, Mission Director, JNNURM, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India addressing the session

The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Urban Development, USAID, FIRE project, advisors in the technical group of the JNNURM, officials from the various state government who are involved with the implementation of the JNNURM project in various capacities, professionals, academics, representatives from International Agencies, Research and Training Institutes,



Participants of the conference

Reform Appraisal Agencies etc. The days' meeting was divided into three technical sessions as well as an introductory session and a way forward in which the feedback from various participants were heard in order to understand the status of implementation of the reform agenda.

The presence of members of the advisory committee, senior representatives from the Ministry who are the architects of the mission, to discuss the issues/ problems with the representatives of the states/cities and other related people in the field added to the effectiveness of the programme. The feedback on the implementation of JNNURM reforms would enable the Ministry to develop better understanding of the reform agenda and provide possible guidelines to go forward.

First UN Global Road Safety Week 23-29 April 2007

The First United Nations Global Road Safety Week was called for in the October 2005 United Nations General Assembly resolution



A/60/5 on Improving global road safety. The resolution invites the

United Nations Regional Commissions and the World Health Organization (WHO) to jointly organize the Week. The Week will be modeled after previous road safety weeks orchestrated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and after World Health Day 2004.

The theme for the Week will be "young road users" - as young people constitute a major group at risk of death, injury and disability on the road. While the focus is on young road users, it is hoped that the actions resulting from the Week will benefit road users of all ages. During the course of the Week which will be held from 23-29 April 2007, it is envisioned that a large number of local, national and international events will be hosted all over the world. Many partners will participate in these events including governments, United Nations agencies, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector.

The main objectives of this First United Nations Global Road Safety Week 2007 are to:

- Raise awareness about the societal impact of road traffic injuries, highlighting the risks for young road users.
- Promote action around key factors which have a major impact on preventing road traffic injuries: helmets, seat-belts, drink driving, speeding and infrastructure.

The slogan for the Week, "Road Safety is No Accident", highlights the fact that road safety happens not by accident, but through the deliberate efforts on the part of many individuals and many sectors of society - governmental and nongovernmental alike.

Welcome/Farewell

Quite a few changes have taken place since our last edition.

Patron

Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, IAS joined as the Commissioner Cum Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department **Mr. N.C.Vashudevan, IAS** transferred.

President

Mr. Nikunja Bihari Dhal, IAS joined as the Vice Chairman, Bhubaneswar Development Authority. **Mr. Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, IAS** transferred.

Vice President

Shri. Rabindra Nath Kar, (OAS-SAG), joined as the Municipal Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation.

Note: All members are requested to provide us information to be placed in the Newsletter

Highlights of JNNURM, UIDSSMT, BSUP & IHSDP 2007-08 in Orissa

IHSDP - ORISSA

Urban Local Bodies	Approved Amount in Lakhs
Khurda Municipality	184.31
Rourkela Municipality	209.65
Bargarh Municipality	946.03
Khariar Road Municipality	392.58
Angul NAC	514.72
Dhenkanal Municipality	1403.65
Kendrapara Municipality	141.76
Brajrajnagar Municipality	314.86
Birmitrapur Municipality	319.58
Jajpur Municipality	463.01
Vyasanagar Municipality	1591.97
Talcher Municipality	285.64
Balasore Municipality	297.80
Nayagarh NAC	423.93
Jatni Municipality	112.86

BSUP - ORISSA

Urban Local Bodies	Approved Amount in Lakhs
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation	5120.70
Puri Municipality	1002.02

UIDSSMT- ORISSA

Urban Local Bodies	Projects	Approved Amount in Lakhs
Berhampur Municipality	Water Supply	520.15
Paralakhemundi Municipality	Water Supply	527.74
Angul NAC	Water Supply	1273.32
Koraput NAC	Water Supply	87.50

Source: Housing & Urban Development Department, Govt. of Orissa

Annual Membership Structure

Institutions	Annual Membership Fee
Municipal Corporation of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack	2,00,000
Development Authority of Bhubaneswar & Cuttack	1,00,000
Municipalities of Puri, Rourkela, Berhampur, Sambalpur & Paradeep	25,000
Municipalities Population above 1, 000, 00	15,000
Municipalities Population between 50,000 and 99,999	15,000
Municipalities Population below 50,000	10,000
Notified Area Councils Angul, Belpahar, Sunabeda	15,000
Notified Area Councils	5,000
Other Development Authorities	25,000
State Urban Development Agency	10,000
National Institute of Habitat Management	10,000
All Regional Improvement Trusts	10,000
All Special Planning Authority's	5,000
Other Institutions	10,000
N.G.O's	5,000
Life Member (Only for Selected)	1000
Individuals	500
Students	100

For membership information contact CMAO Executive Director 0674-2395614

Up - Coming International Activities

June 5, 2008, World Environment Day 2008, Wellington, New Zealand.

June 23-25, 2008, World Cities Summit, Singapore.

August 17-23 2008, World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden.

September 21-24, 2008, ICMA Annual Conference, Richmond, Virginia, USA.

October 22-25 2008 9th World Congress of Metropolis: "Connecting Cities", Sydney, Australia.

Be a Part of CMAO

- ✓ Pay your / Institutional dues
- ✓ Participate fully in CMAO's activities
- ✓ Be a proactive member – organize activities at your institutions
- ✓ REMEMBER! CMAO IS YOUR INSTITUTION

Profile

City Managers' Association Orissa

City Managers' Association Orissa, is a Network of Local Government & Authorities for Sustainable Urban Management & Human Settlement, a non-profit organization formed to address the changing needs of local government managers & leaders by helping them with appropriate skills and knowledge, raising the profile of local government, and promoting high standards. City Managers' Association Orissa:

- is a membership based association of urban local bodies of Orissa and institutions / individuals in the field of Urban governance.
- provides a common platform to the City Managers to interact, exchange information and channelise their efforts in achieving common goals.
- acts as a nodal agency to carry out various programs towards strengthening local governance.

The Association aims to strengthen local capacities of urban local bodies in addressing urban development, with the overall objective to improve the urban quality of life and reduce urban poverty.

CMAO Mission

Provide better services to citizens through professional management

CMAO objective

In pursuance of this CMAO objective includes:

Information Exchange & Dissemination

On urban issues, best practices, technologies, cross country management experience through publications (newsletters, manuals and books), workshops, seminars, and audiovisuals media.

Training skill up - gradation & Capacity Building for Professional Development

For professional development through workshops, seminars, short training programs and overseas training

Advocacy

By raising the sensitivity of state and central governments to urban issues

CMAO Organization Structure

Chief Patron

Mr. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
Minster Urban Development

Patron

Dr. Arun Kumar Panda
Commissioner Cum Secretary to Govt.
H&UD Department

Mr. Mihir Kumar Mohanty
Mayor, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation

Ms. Nibedita Pradhan
Mayor, Cuttack Municipal Corporation

President

Mr. Nikunja Bihari Dhal
Vice Chairman,
Bhubaneswar Development Authority

Vice president

Mr Rabi Ranjan Mallick
Director Municipal Administration, Orissa

Ms. Aparajita Sarangi
Municipal Commissioner,
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation

Mr. Rabindra Nath Kar,
Municipal Commissioner
Cuttack Municipal Corporation

Mr Bijay Kumar Dhal
Vice Chairman,
Cuttack Development Authority

Mr Balakrushna Behera
Member Secretary,
State Urban Development Agency

Secretary

Mr. Piyush Ranjan Rout
Executive Director, CMAO

Treasurer

Ms. Rajani Jani
Project Manager,
State Urban Development Agency

Executive Members

15 Members

CMAO Secretariat

Mr Piyush Ranjan Rout
Executive Director

“Any City, whether small or large, can be agent of change”

**Jaime Lerner,
former Mayor of Curitiba, Brazil**