

THE CITY MANAGER

A Quarterly Newsletter of City Managers' Association Orissa

CMAO is a membership based organization of City Managers from urban local bodies, development authorities and institutions / individuals in the field of urban governance in Orissa

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Indo USAID FIRE Project Launched in Orissa to Improve Urban Services

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is partnering with the Indian Ministry of Urban Development, and the state government Orissa to improve water and sanitation service in Orissa.

Honorable Urban Development Minister K.V. Singh Deo announced the beginning of a series of initiatives that will facilitate improvement in basic services in urban areas. He pointed out that Indian cities were growing rapidly and infrastructure for clean water and sanitation was already severely stressed or nonexistent.

The Orissa activity is part of an approximately 69.2 crore (\$16 million), five-year bilateral collaboration, called the Financial Institutions Reform and Expansion (FIRE-D) project, that addresses urban infrastructure needs in seven Indian states. The cooperative effort follows a decade of joint urban development efforts between the U.S. and India that includes developing debt markets to finance urban improvements.

The focus areas for U.S. technical assistance include water policies on tariffs and ways to curb system losses, up gradation of customer service delivery, and planning for better solid waste and water utility operations.

Through this programme the local Governments of Bhubaneswar & Cuttack will benefit to enhance their capacities to provide efficient urban services. This U.S.-India effort will also support the City Managers' Association Orissa.



Honorable Urban Development Minister of K.V. Singh Deo Lighting the Lamp

The workshop was attended by senior officers of the Housing & Urban Development Department, Mayors & Municipal Commissioners of Bhubaneswar & Cuttack, Vice Chairmen of Bhubaneswar & Cuttack Dev. Authorities, Chairpersons & Executive officers of ULB's, Public Health Functionaries.

The strategic partnership between the U.S. and India continues to broaden and deepen through such efforts to share expertise between urban development partners from both countries.



Dignitaries on the Dias

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Friends of Cities

City Managers' Association Orissa Wishes
All its Members and friends
On the occasion of
All India Local Self Government Day
31st August 2005

CMAO Friends of Cities

Managing Committee Meeting of the CMAO held on 06.05.2005

As scheduled, the Managing Committee Meeting of City Managers' Association Orissa (CMAO) was conducted under the Chairmanship of the President of the Association. At the outset, the President shed light on the status and activities of CMAO, which have been undertaken so far. Initiating the discussion, the President urged upon of the Members to participate and cooperate with affairs and activities of the CMAO. He has also called upon all concerned to deposit the membership fees at the earliest for better functioning of the organization.

The President explained the needs of CMAO and its relevance both in terms of efficiency and service provision. He pointed out that city managers of Orissa would get benefited from CMAO by taking the best practices, sharing the innovations and improving the performance of the Urban Governance. He broadly stressed upon the following aspects:-

- to strengthen CMAO both financially and functionally.
- more focused activities for Members to strengthen the Urban Governance in Orissa.

The committee decided:

- to deliver more services to members so that the cities would feel the necessity to become members of the CMAO.
- to request all concerned to pay their Membership Fees for the year 2004-05 by June 31st 2005.
- The Bhubaneswar Development Authority & Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation would provide two officials to work in CMAO at their cost.
- CMAO to set up a forum for the elected representatives of the state particularly women councilors for capacity building.

- CMAO to coordinate the training, manual preparation to strengthen municipal accounting and financial management.
- CMAO to convene a state level Workshop on Best Practices (Initiative).



Managing Committee in progress Chaired by President CMAO

- CMAO to organize one-day Leadership Programme for all Executive Heads & Mayors, Chairpersons.
- CMAO to continue regular dialogue with the international funding agencies for strengthening Urban Governance.
- CMAO will act as the Coordinator for all programmes.
- CMAO to take steps on developing & disseminating IEC components in Urban Development.
- CMAO to prepare a state level urban development Citizens Charter with support of the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.

The Launching of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation Website: A step towards Good Governance.

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Bhubaneswar, Orissa went online with launching of its first ever official website on 11.05.2005. The website provides information about activities and programmes of BMC, Property Tax Assessment, Poverty Alleviation Programmes, Maps, Key contacts and Grievance Redressal. and important services of BMC.

The citizens' charter of the website provides information on downloadable forms and useful phone numbers. The Property Tax section provides information how to calculate holding tax and the need of it. Public can download the application form for new tax assessment as well as tender information. Public can now lodge complaint or suggestion using the BMC e-mail.

Municipal Commissioner Shri. Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, explained that the website was prepared primarily with an aim to enlighten citizens about BMC's activities and services to the citizens & residents of Bhubaneswar in an efficient and user-friendly manner and reduce inconvenience caused to the public for getting information from various departments of the Municipal Corporation. Inaugurating the Website Hon'ble Mayor Shri. M. K. Mohanty, informed that the tools of information technology could play a vital role in improving the quality of life of the citizens. He further stated that it was an endeavor to bring services to the doorsteps of the citizens, through this website.

Earlier Dr. Rabindra Narayan Behera, (National Informatics Centre), Head State Portal Group, Department of Information Technology, Govt. of Orissa and Shri Piyush Ranjan Rout, Secretary-Cum-Coordinator, City Managers' Association Orissa gave presentation on various aspects of the website. They explained that the website was the beginning of a long term Municipal e-Governance application project of Bhubaneswar.



The Mayor of Bhubaneswar inaugurating the BMC website

At the end Mayor & Municipal Commissioner applauded the efforts of CMAO & NIC. The Municipal Commissioner informed the formation of a core group comprising BMC officials, CMAO & NIC to improve and regularly update the website. <http://orissa.gov.in/ourbmc>

Visit useful Website on Urban Development

www.ourvmc.org
www.egovamc.com
www.bmponline.org
www.ndmc.gov.in/home.htm
www.visakhapatnammunicipalcorporation.org

CMAO Presidents Desk



Dear Readers

I have the pleasure to present you the first edition of the newsletter of 2005 'THE CITY MANAGER' which focuses on the activities of our organization and various initiatives of our organization.

CMAO is now having a full-fledged office located in Bhubaneswar Development Authority. This office will function to make sure that City Managers get proper attention and services. CMAO office will act as the gateway for International Organization & Cities on Urban Development

In last couple of months lots of new initiatives were undertaken to strengthen the Urban Governance in Orissa. This includes Launching of the Indo USAID FIRE III Programmes, Installation of Power Saver in BMC under the ICLEI CCP Programme, Participation at the National Level Workshop organized by Ministry of Urban Development & WSP South Asia etc by the members of CMAO and Development of the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation website.

We are currently working to mobilize resources for conducting capacity building training programmes related to Double Entry Accounting System, Resource Mobilization, Urban Orissa Best Practice Conclave and Leadership Management Programme.

It is heartening to note that City Managers' Association Orissa has been selected by Govt. of India & Orissa to develop Training module and conduct Women Councilor training programme in Orissa.

I once again request all concerned to participate in the activities of CMAO.

Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, IAS, PhD,
President CMAO

President CMAO Visit to Philippines & Cambodia

Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, IAS went on a study tour to Manila, Philippines and Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 3rd to 16th June 2005 focusing on Water Reforms, Solid Waste Management and Sewerage Management. The study tour was sponsored by Water & Sanitation Programme (South Asia) World Bank.

World Water Day 2005

Workshop on Water for Life in Cities observed by City Managers' of Orissa on 22nd March 2005 World Water Day

City Managers of Orissa gathered to observe **World Water Day on 22nd March 2005** during a workshop on **"Water for Life in Cities"**. Mr. Mihir Mohanty Mayor Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation inaugurated the workshop. The participants of the workshops include city managers, officers of Urban Local bodies, Development Authorities Planners, and academicians.



Vice President CMAO Presiding the World Water day Workshop

The workshop highlighted the crucial importance of water especially in urban areas. Mr Mihir Mohanty, Mayor Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation urged for comprehensive coordinated efforts between Municipal Corporations, Development Authorities and State Govt on water use.

Mr. Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation stressed on misuse of water due to lack of awareness.

The workshop recommended for a necessity of proper city planning, conservation, ground water

mapping and utilization of water. On the occasion, a background paper prepared by City Managers' Association Orissa on **Water for all in Cities** was distributed.

This year the World Water Day 2005 marked the beginning of International Decade for Action, "Water for Life". The Water for Life decade sets the world's goals on "a greater focus on water-related issues, while striving to ensure the participation of women in water-related development efforts and further cooperation at all levels to achieve water-related goals of the Millennium Declaration.

World Habitat Day 2004

City Managers of Orissa gathered to observe **World Habitat Day on 4th October 2004** with a workshop on **"Rural Urban Linkages"** in Bhubaneswar. Mr Mihir Mohanty, Mayor Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Ms Nibediata Pradhan, Mayor Cuttack Municipal



The Release of the CMAO newsletter on World Habitat Day 2004 by Mayor of BMC & CMC

Corporation inaugurated the workshop.

The participants of the workshops included city managers of Orissa serving as officers in H&UD department, Urban Local bodies, Development Authorities, Planners, academicians and international agencies.

Mr. Issac Behera, IAS Vice President CMAO and Municipal Commissioner Cuttack welcomed the participants of the workshop. Speaking on the occasion Mr B.K.Ray Director Town Planning pointed out that time had come for a comprehensive regional development plan in accordance with the 74th Constitution Amendment Act.

Mr Piyush Ranjan Rout, Coordinator City Managers' Association Orissa presented a paper on the essence of World Habitat Day and possible rural urban linkages.

A special edition of CMAO Newsletter focusing World Habitat Day was inaugurated on the occasion.

Workshop on Reforms in Municipal Management and Administration organized on 25th August 2004 by City Managers' Association Orissa and Govt. of Orissa Housing & Urban Development Department. The workshop was supported by National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi under the Indo USAID FIRE (D) Project.

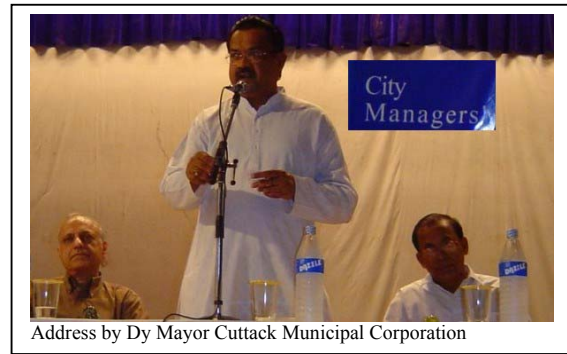


Dignitaries on the Dias

About 120 participants attended the workshop. Most of them were elected representatives of the Urban Local Bodies and represented by Mayors, Chairpersons and councilors. The subjects of the workshop related to 74th Constitutional Amendment Act and Urban Reforms undertaken by Govt. of India and Indian Cities. The workshop brought together the newly elected urban local bodies representatives' for the first time into a common training programme.

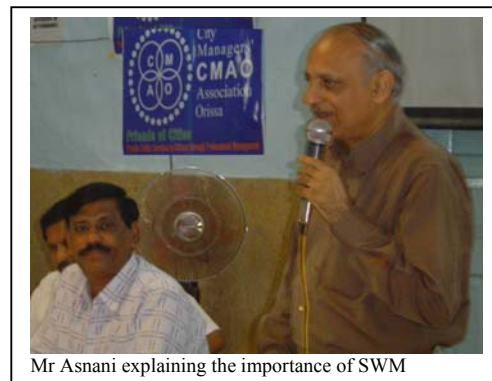
Workshop on Capacity Building Programme for Municipal Corporation's

On 15th September 2004, CMAO organized two workshops in Cuttack & Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporations on Best Practices of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Gujarat. Mr. P.U.Asnnani, Member of Supreme Court Committee on Solid Waste Management, Urban Environment Infrastructure Representative of USAID / USAEP and Vice President City Managers' Association Gujarat (CMAG) shared his experience as the Resource Person of the Workshop.



Address by Dy Mayor Cuttack Municipal Corporation

In Cuttack the workshop was presided by Deputy Mayor Madhusudan Padhi. Other dignitaries present in the workshop were Mr. Isaac Behera, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Corporators, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Health officer and officials of the CMC.



Mr Asnnani explaining the importance of SWM

In Bhubaneswar Mr. Mihir Mohanty, Mayor of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation presided over the workshop. The participants of the workshop included Mr. Suresh Chandra Mantry, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, Corporators and officials of the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.

In both the workshops the focus of the discussion was Solid Waste Management, Resource Mobilization and Slum Networking. The participants gained knowledge on the subjects and approached CMAO to conduct a practical field visit.

Innovative Practices in Solid Waste Management Issues & Options

On 16th September 2004, a state level Workshop on Innovative Practices in Solid Waste Management Issues & Options was conducted in Bhubaneswar. The workshop was inaugurated by Ms. Rajlakshmi, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt. Housing & Urban Development Department and Patron CMAO.

About 70 participants attended the workshop. This included Mayors, Municipal Commissioners; Executive Officers, Health Officers, Govt. Officials etc.



e-Governance Advocacy Workshop in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation

It was organized on 15th of September 2004 with National Informatics Centre. Mr. A.K. Hota Scientist of NIC presented various applications of the e-governance in Urban Development. This workshop benefited both officials and elected representatives of the corporation.

World Habitat Day on Monday 3 October 2005, The Millennium Development Goals and the City

The 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. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat.



The theme World Habitat Day on Monday 3 October 2005, is the Millennium Development Goals and the

City. This theme, chosen by the United Nations,

is to remind all of us that in the year 2000, world leaders meeting at the dawn of the new Millennium, committed themselves to launch a concerted attack on poverty, illiteracy, hunger, unsafe water, disease and urban and environmental degradation by adopting a set of eight goals. In September, the UN General Assembly will hold a five-year review meeting to weigh progress on the eight goals.

UN-HABITAT is working with a number of international and civil society organizations, cities and governments to realize Target 11 of Millennium Development Goal 7 - improving the living conditions of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020. It is also working together on Target 10 of MDG 7 reducing by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water.

Let us make no mistake: Cities are much more than national engines of economic growth. They are the crucibles of cultural fusion. Standing astride every intersection on the global network of trade and migration, the world's cities must become shining examples of inclusiveness and equity as called for in the Millennium Declaration. Otherwise, they will remain potential flashpoints of conflict and reservoirs of poverty - barriers to humanity's further development. We must at least try to keep the promise for the Millennium Development Goals and the City.

“Slums represent the worst of urban poverty and inequality. Yet the world has the resources, know-how and power to reach the target established in the Millennium Declaration.”

– **UN Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan.**

Support of CMAO Friends of Cities

- ✓ Pay your / Institutional dues
- ✓ Promote Individual membership within your Institutions
- ✓ Participate fully in CMAO's activities
- ✓ Be a proactive member – organize activities at your institutions
- ✓ Donate generously
- ✓ REMEMBER! CMAO IS YOUR INSTITUTION

Welcome/Farewell

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

President

Dr. Arun Kumar Panda, IAS who joined as Vice Chairman Bhubaneswar Development Authority cum Special Secretary to Govt. Housing and urban Development Department took over the President of CMAO after **Mr. Suresh Chandra Mantry, IAS**, was transferred as Director Rural Development.

Vice President

Mr. Satyabrata Sahu, IAS joined as the Municipal Commissioner Bhubaneswar in place of **Mr. Suresh Chandra Mantry, IAS**.

Mr. Rahas Bihar Nayak, IAS joined as the Director Municipal Administration in place of **Mr. Bibhu Prasad Mishra, OAS**.

Executive Members

Mr Surendra Behera, joined as the Director General of NIHM.

Mr. A.K.Dutta succeeded **Sri BK.Ray** as the Director Town Planning after the former retire from the post.

New Members of CMAO

Individual Member

Dr. Pramod Kumar Meherda, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate Rayagada

Mr. Srimant Mishra, OAS, Ex Additional Executive Officer Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation.

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

Up - Coming Activities of CMAO

- *Women Councilors Training Programme for Elected Women Representative of Urban Local Bodies.*
- *Engineers Study tour Programme to Vishakhapatnam & Guntur*
- *Orissa Urban Best Practices Cities Conclave*
- *All Orissa Development Authorities Meet*
- *Urban & City Management Certificate Programme*
- *Study Tour Programmes on Best Practices of India*

Announcement

New Membership Structure for 2004-05

Memberships fees Structure of CMAO 2004-05

Institutions	Annual Membership Fee
Municipal Corporation of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack	1,50,000
Development Authority of Bhubaneswar & Cuttack	1,00,000
Municipalities of Puri, Rourkella, 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 Authority	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 coordinator 0674-2395614

Up - Coming International Activities

- United Nations General Assembly: Assessment of the Millennium Development Goals, **New York, 14-16 September 2005**
- International Local Authorities Conference for Peace, Nevshir, Turkey 25-28 September **2005**
- International Platform on Sustainable Urban Development, Geneva, Switzerland, 11 - 13 October **2005**
- International conference on sustainable urban development: from research to action Nanning, China 9-11/11 **November 2005**
- World Summit on the Information Society, **Tunis, 16-18 November 2005**

International Days

- 8 September** World Literacy Day
- 16 September** International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 1st Monday** of October World Habitat Day
- 2nd Wednesday** of October International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
- 17 October** International Day for Eradication of Poverty

Profile

City Managers' Association Orissa

The City Managers' Association Orissa, is one amongst the eight such associations located in states of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Utranchal, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab and West Bengal, 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 channel their efforts to achieve 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

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

Patron

Mr. N.C.Vasudevan,
Commissioner Cum Secretary to Govt.
H&UD Department

President

Dr. Arun Kumar Panda
Vice Chairman,
Bhubaneswar Development Authority

Vice president

Mr Rahas Bihari Nayak
Director Municipal Administration, Orissa

Mr Basant Swain
Vice Chairman,
Cuttack Development Authority

Mr Jaganath Behera
Member Secretary,
State Urban Development Agency

Mr Issack Behera
Municipal Commissioner
Cuttack Municipal Corporation

Mr Satyabrara Sahu
Municipal Commissioner,
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation

Secretary

Mr. Piyush Ranjan Rout

Treasurer

Mr Asim Mohanty
Project Manager,
State Urban Development Agency

CMAO Secretariat

Mr Piyush Ranjan Rout
Coordinator

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