

Bhubaneswar: New city sanitation plan discussed

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Bhubaneswar, Orissa Diary.com: A stake holder consultation workshop to discuss preliminary findings on waste water, faecal sludge management, solid waste management and provide appropriate technology and systemic solutions to meet city's sanitation targets, was held in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) today, so that all the components will be appropriately addressed in the coming City Sanitation Plan (CSP).

The workshop also reviewed the earlier CSP of the city and the secondary data to capture the expectations for a new CSP. The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) will implement the CSP in the city through Bangaluru-based Consortium for DEWATS Dissemination Society (CDD) for situation assessment of all sectors in sanitation.

CDD experts had some preliminary visits to the city and today's workshop was meant to understand the grassroots-level situations in sanitation. Apart from the CSP, the CDD people will also provide an investment plan and financing options for meeting the sanitation objectives.

The Smart City Bhubaneswar is also coming under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and the AMRUT Mission has put water supply and waste water management system on one of its top priorities. It can be mentioned here that Bhubaneswar is among nine cities of Odisha, which will receive funds for their development under AMRUT. As per the Central scheme around Rs 400 crore will be given to Odisha in five phases over five years for development of water supply system, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage to reduce flooding, non-motorised and public transport and upgrading green space.

Today's workshop was attended, among others, by the City Engineer, Senior Municipal Planner, Deputy Commissioner (Projects), City Health Officer, Chief Municipal Medical Officer, Executive

Engineers I, II and Drainage, two Assistant Health Officers, sanitary inspectors and various experts and specialists from the Swachha Bhubaneswar Abhijaan Cell.

CDD people gave many presentations showing best practices in other cities of AMRUT and how they are devising new and efficient City Sanitation Plans.

For examples, they showed the septage management plan of Devara beesanahali , a small town near Bangalore and how the city is managing it efficiently. They also gave a detailed presentation on the waste management and BMC will review the proposal of CDD for implementing the City Sanitation Plan. Currently the city is generating nearly 600 metric tonnes of SWM.

While the waste water is partly managed by PHEO in the planned city, the sewerage system under OWSSB is yet to start functioning.