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About the Project

Launch Date of the Project

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Project Duration

48 Months

Project Location

Nagpur

Stakeholders

Local Government Officials, State Government, Citizens, Urban Poor, Elected Representatives, Civil Society Organisation (CSOs)

Beneficiaries

Citizens and officials working in Local Authority and organisations

Launch Event of City Development Forum

Equi-City project is initiating the drive for equitable distribution of municipal services in Nagpur City and to share strategies and approaches that foster livability and sustainability in a city. The launch event of this learning network took place this March.

Cities everywhere face many similar challenges, but the cities in India—ones which drive national finance, culture and social innovation—must address a set of conditions particular to their size, scale, and intensity. The diversities (of all kinds) in Nagpur city generate extraordinary production for the nation. Equi-City is creating this network to better identify the range of challenges and innovative responses, while strengthening the field of livable city. Inherent to the resilience of a city is the degree to which it is also livable. If the livability of a city is compromised, so too is its



capacity to be socially, economically, culturally and environmentally resilient. Nagpur is continuously building itself as economic, social and environmentally adaptive city. The city is growing towards maintaining the quality of livability that retains its existing population and integrates a steady stream of citizens in the city.

The launch of City Development forum has provided platform for diverse practitioners, and people from various fields—drawn from civil society, business, the designers, artists, academic institutions and government—to identify strategies and approaches that promote urban livability and resilience. City Development Forum will also address the conditions that are inhibiting proper livability conditions and equal distribution of services in the city. It will also boost the citizens of the city to participate in the forum by creating peer-to-peer learning that will enhance the livability and sustainability of their city, and beyond. Using one to one interaction, and digital media tools, the forum will stimulate innovation between the government officials and citizens of the city, and provide a solid base to build Equi-City. The impacts of the forum will include new synergies between the community, institutional and public sectors/ government sector; urban planning, design and infrastructure development; Gender: Safety & Security; mobilization of local innovation; Municipal Services and Utilities; Transport and Mobility in the city and participatory governance models that more effectively respond to the urban challenges of resilience and livability.



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Discovering opportunities for the City

The Launch of City Development Forum (CDF) under Equi-City project presents significant opportunities for city, ULB's, government employees and citizens to realize their part in Equi-City.

The Launch event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Mayor Smt. Nanda Jichkar in the august presence of Hon'ble Deputy Mayor Shri. Deepraj Pardikar, Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner Shri. Shraavan Hardikar, the Chairman of Standing Committee Shri Sandeep Jadhav, Convener Dr. Girish Gandhi and Shri. Sanjay Mahakalkar.

The Chief Guest of honour was Hon'ble

Union Minister for Roads, Highways and Shipping by Shri. Nitin Gadkari who emphasized on planning and implementing of coordinated activities from the citizens.

Citizens' feedback is very important to ensure that the future development roadmap of Orange city matches the aspirations and needs of the populace, as stated Union Minister for Roads, Highways and Shipping, Shri. Nitin Gadkari. The Minister expressed happiness on the ongoing Equi-city Project in the City and expected positive outcomes which would be achieved through the Project.



Discussion and Development of Policies

The Launch event and Workshop was focused on Discussions by the Experts and CDF Core Members on the existing issues of Nagpur City on following themes:

- ◆ Participatory Governance
- ◆ Municipal Services and Utilities
- ◆ Transport and Mobility
- ◆ Gender: Safety & Security
- ◆ Municipal Budget & Financing.

During the Launch event, several speakers and specialists in their respective field, came up with the presentations focusing on the importance of diversity and inclusion.

CONCLUSION

Participatory forums are platforms which are formed for the benefit of citizens, womens and under represented communities and minority communities. City Development Forum (CDF)



is one such forum aiming to involve citizens in the participatory governance process. The CDF will help stakeholders inform, educate and sensitize wider set of stakeholders on diversity.

The key issues within the participatory forum help LAs and stakeholders to form collaborative solutions. Further, the forums help strength the initiative through feedbacks received on various issues faced in the target area. Further, the functioning of the Equi-city cell, which will be on a collaborative basis, will be able execute the project with the help and support of CDF. Equi-city cell catalyses the efficient delivery of municipal services with an increase in demand from citizens.

Upcoming Events

Capacity Building Program for NMC officials and representatives



Local Media Coverage

Involve citizens in planning, implementing city development schemes: Nitin Gadkari

■ Staff Reporter

CITIZENS' feedback is very important to ensure that the future development roadmap of Orange City matched the aspirations and needs of the populace, stated Union Minister for Roads, Highways and Shipping Nitin Gadkari. Addressing the maiden meeting of Citizens Development Forum, constituted as per directions of European Union, Gadkari asked Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) office-bearers and officials to involve locals as much as possible in the planning and implementation process of city development schemes. He was guest at valedictory function on Sunday.

Earlier, Mayor Nanda Jichkar inaugurated EQUI-CITY, a Citizen Development Forum, to promote equitable distribution of municipal services and diversity in Local Authority Organisation in India. Nagpur was chosen by European Union for rolling out the programme of citizen's initiative and based on feedback and success it will be implemented across the country. All India Institute of Local Self-Government is implementing the project in the city.

Gadkari laid stress on planning and ensuring implementation accordingly but bemoaned attitude of some persons who do not want to walk the step with others which hampers proper development of city. Therefore he suggested setting up a Think Tank at NMC so that for next ten years roadmap can be thought-up and implemented accordingly. The aim is to ensure Nagpur City is preferred as one of most liveable cities in country.

Besides Mayor, Ruling Party



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari addressing at the valedictory function of Citizens Development Forum launch as Mayor Nanda Jichkar, Sandeep Joshi and others look on. (Pic. by Anil Futane)

Leader in NMC Sandeep Joshi, Municipal Commissioner Shrawan Hardikar, Ravi Ranjan Guru, Sr. Executive Director, AIILSG, Ashok Wankhede, Sr. Journalist, Girish Gandhi were seated on the dais.

In the morning, Mayor while inaugurating Citizens Development Forum said it is imperative that citizens should inculcate self discipline even as she bemoaned that every other street in city is becoming a Khau Galli. No doubt anti-encroachment drives continuous process but youth should take-up the responsibility of creating awareness in society. Welcoming constitution of CDF, she said, continuous deliberations are necessary as development is not over with one draft. She also spoke of future challenges particularly rejuvenation of Nag River and for this public participation is very much necessary.

Municipal Commissioner Shrawan Hardikar said equitable development is a dicey term as he narrated a story where in three kids of different height are stand-

ing outside stadium and unable to watch the proceedings inside the stadium. Equitable distribution says that each of the kid is given one brick to stand on and watch the match but would that solution. So the deliberation of the experts needs to find various measures to ensure that citizens gets equitable access to municipal services. He said 24x7 water supply is one example of social change as the project ensure that each one in city has access to clean and hygienic water. The challenge in future now is to ensure smart, sustainable and liveable city and this feeling should echo from every nook and corner of city.

Rajiv Ranjan Guru outlined the theme and said participatory model of governance is a new thing for Indian society. We needs citizens to take the lead and drive the distribution of services since they know best ground situation.

At the outset, Jayant Phatak, Director, Regional Director, AIILSG, introduced the subject. Girish Gandhi proposed a vote of thanks.

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