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' Best City ' Award_2010

Agartala gets tag of 'best city' among small states

Tripura has received the 'best city' award in implementation of Basic Service of Urban Poor (BSUP) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), on 03-12-2010.

Tripura's capital Agartala was Friday given the 'best city' award among small states in India for providing homes to the urban poor, officials said.

A senior official in Agartala said: 'The coveted award was given for execution of the Basic Service of Urban Poor (BSUP) scheme under small, special group states and union territory category.'



The award was handed over by Finance Minister **Pranab Mukherjee** at a function in New Delhi's Dr.D.S. Kothari Auditorium, DRDO Bhawan. Tripura's principal secretary Sudip Kumar Roy received the award.

The state government had built housing complex for urban poor near new capital complex at the cost of Rs. 1671.08 Lacs. and distributed 256 flats to the slum dwellers. The government would build more housing complex for rehabilitation of slum dwellers

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Awards for Excellence to JNNURM Cities under Sub-Mission II - Basic Services to Urban Poor (BSUP) - 2009-10

Name of Award	Best Performing State/City
Best Performance among States in Effective Enforcement of the three pro-poor reforms together	Andhra Pradesh
Second Best Performance among States in Effective Enforcement of the three pro-poor reforms together	Madhya Pradesh
Best BSUP City in Small Special Category States/UTs	Agartala
Best City for Planned Habitat for Urban Poor	Chandigarh
Best City for Outstanding Effort to attain Slum-free Status	Nanded
Best BSUP City in Large States/UTs	Visakhapatnam Surat
Best IHSDP City in Large States/UTs	Kadapa
Best City in Effective Enforcement of the three pro-poor reforms together	Vadodara
Best City for Community Mobilisation under JNNURM (BSUP IHSDP)	Nanded Kadapa
Best City for Use of Cost Effective Building Technologies in Construction of Houses under JNNURM (BSUP IHSDP)	Pimpri-Chinchwad Mysore





The National Conference on Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission was jointly organized by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Ministry of Urban Development on the occasion of 5th Anniversery of JNNURM on 3rd December, 2010 in New Delhi. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister of India was the Chief Guest of the Conference.

During the conference, 3 publications of Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation were released namley:

- I. Brochure on 'Marching towards Inclusive & Slum-free Cities'
- II. Urbanisation and Poverty in India: A Statistical Compendium 2010
- III. Guidelines/Toolkit for Development of Housing Start-up Index (HSUI)

During the confenference, awards/incentive the States/UTs/ULBs for their performance in implementation of JNNURM (BSUP & IHSDP) including the 3 Pro-poor reforms. Awards under 9 categories were presented to States/UTs and ULBs as under:

Winners

(i) Name of Award: Best Performance among States in Effective Enforcement of the three pro-poor reforms together

Best Performance : Andhra Praesh Second Best Performance: Madhya Pradesh

(ii) Name of Award: Best BSUP City in Small & Special Category States/UTs

Winner City: Agartala

(iii) Name of Award: Best City for Planned Habitat for Urban Poor

Winner City: Chandigarh

(iv) Name of Award: Best City for Outstanding Effort to attain Slum-free Status

Winner City: Nanded

(v) Name of Award: Best BSUP City in Large States/UTs

Joint Winners: Visakhapatnam & Surat

(vi) Name of Award: Best IHSDP City in Large States/UTs

Winner City: Kadapa

(vii) Name of Award: Best City in Effective Enforcement of the three pro-poor reforms together

Winner City: Vadodara

(viii) Name of Award: Best City for Community Mobilisation under JNNURM (BSUP & IHSDP)

Joint Winners: Nanded & Kadapa

(ix) Name of Award: Best City for Use of Cost Effective Building Technologies in Construction of Houses under JNNURM (BSUP & IHSDP)

Joint Winners: Pimpri-Chinchwad & Mysore

During the conference review of progress in implementation of JNNURM by Minister for Urban Development Shri Jaipal Reddy and Minister for Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation Kumari Selja was also taken up with State Ministers, Secretaries, Mayors and Municipal Commissioners. Assignment of Property Rights to Slum Dwellers and urban poor was discussed at length with the State representatives in light of formulation of Rajiv Awas Yojana aimed at making the country slum free in a time bound manner.

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Objective

To recognize the achievement of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) which have undertaken initiatives in the areas of urban reforms and service delivery achievements. In addition, it is envisaged that some of the innovative initiatives undertaken by the ULBs will be showcased and shared with other ULBs, and, as such, this will provide an opportunity for ULBs to learn from the experience of their peers.

Areas for Assessment/Award Categories

While the focus will be on implementation of projects in basic sectors and reforms under JNNURM, steps taken by ULBs to strengthen their financial position in order to ensure sustainability of infrastructure investments as well as efforts to initiate pro-active partnerships with the private sector will be recognised. Finally, initiatives to strengthen transparency in urban governance as well as efforts to deal with environmental degradation will also be taken into consideration.

Performance Awards to JNNURM Cities

Performance Awards for cities under JNNURM, initiated by MoUD recognizes achievements in basic services improvement as well as those in strengthening governance and finance functions, and undertaking environment friendly initiatives. The performance awards for 2008-09 were given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and the Hon'ble Union Minister for Urban Development Shri Jaipal Reddy on December 3, 2009, on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the launch of JNNURM.