

World Habitat Day 4th October 2004 City Managers' Association Orissa

World Habitat Day observed by City Managers' of Orissa on October 4th 2004

Every year since 1986 the first Monday of October is observed as World Habitat Day to mark World Urbanization & Human Settlement issues. This year though the annual conference is taking Place in the Kenyan Capital Nairobi with the theme Cities Engines of Rural Development to mark the global mandate on Urbanization. It is expressed that by the year 2030 about fifty percent of the human population would be living in Urban Areas.

Far away from the Kenyan Capital Nairobi here in India City Managers of Orissa gathered to observe the **World Habitat Day 4th October 2004** with a workshop on **"Rural Urban Linkages"**. The workshop was organised by the City Managers' Association Orissa in association with National Institute of Habitat Management and supported by Housing & Urban Development Department Govt. of Orissa in Bhubaneswar.



Members tribute to the late soul of Shri Nilamani Routray former Chief Minister of Orissa who passed away on 4th October 2004



Lighting of the Lamp to mark the observation of the World Habitat Day

Mr Mihir Mohanty Mayor Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Ms Nibediata Pradhan Mayor of Cuttack Municipal Corporation inaugurated the workshop.



Release of the WHD Special Edition CMAO Newsletter

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

A special edition "The City Manager" Newsletter of CMAO was released by the Mayor of BMC and CMC respectively on the occasion of World Habitat Day

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Welcome address by Shri Isaac Behera, IAS vice president CMAO and Municipal commissioner CMC

Mr. Issac Behera, IAS Vice President CMAO and Municipal Commissioner Cuttack welcomed the participants of the workshop.

Speaking on the occasion Mr B.K.Roy Director Town Planning pointed out that time has come for a comprehensive regional development plan in accordance with the 74th Constitution Amendment Act.

Speaking on the occasion Ms Pradhan, Mayor Cuttack expressed that Rural and Urban Development is essential for the Sustainable Development.



Smt Nibedita Pradhan Mayor, Cuttack Municipal Corporation addressing the gathering



Shri Mihir Mohanty, Mayor, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation Addressing the Gathering

In summarizing the theme Mr Mihir Mohanty, Mayor of Bhubaneswar reminded the views of Mahatma Gandhi about the Rural Development. He narrated the role of the rural areas in the

development Mexico Cities in Latin America.

Mr Piyush Ranjan Rout, Coordinator City Managers' Association Orissa presented a paper on the essence of World Habitat Day and possible rural urban Linkages. He explained that strong linkages between Rural & Urban are required for the development of Orissa. As Waste generated in urban areas may be useable in rural areas after composting. Similarly cities may provide good infrastructure for the



Shri. Piyush Ranjan Rout, Coordinator, CMAO discussing the essence of WHD and Rural Urban Linkages in Economic Development

development public transportation system between rural & urban so that it will boost both side economy and tourism. This is done in countries like Malaysia, Thailand, African and Latin American cities. **CMAO DESK 04.10.2004**