From the Centre
Review of Gujarat progress by Shri Durga Shankar Mishra

Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, Secretary, HUA visited Gujarat on September 8, 2018 and chaired a seminar on Formulation of Local Area Plan and Town Planning schemes at CEPT University, Ahmedabad. During his visit he also reviewed the progress of various urban schemes in the state, including DAY-NULM.

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From the States

Uttarakhand: An awareness rally was organised on September 9, 2018 by Shri Bagnath Vendors Association in Bageshwar to keep the city clean and garbage free. The association is formed of street vendors identified during the survey conducted under the mission.

At the end of the program, a mass pledge was taken for promoting the State’s motto of “Himalaya Bacchao Polythene Hattao”.

Kamataka: Identity cards and vending certificates were distributed to 1,605 street vendors identified during the survey at Bengaluru, on September 1, 2018.

Promoting entrepreneurship among SHG women - Case of Rajasthan

Members of Sethi Self Help Group have started a coffee shop in girls hostel campus of Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, Rajasthan. The members of the SHG availed credit of Rs. 1 lakh under the Self Employment Programme of the mission. This initiative has provided a sustainable livelihood opportunity to the women of SHGs.

In Himachal Pradesh: Bilaspur ULB organized an financial literacy camp on August 31, 2018 in association with UCO, RSETI, Bilaspur. A total of 40 urban poor beneficiaries attended the camp. The main objective of this programme was to create awareness on entrepreneurship, priority sector lending schemes, BSBD accounts, simplified KYC norms, smart usage of debit card, mobile banking and benefits of various government sponsored social security schemes.

In Arunachal Pradesh: A one day workshop was conducted by the state for sensitisation of key functionaries of the state, ULBs and banks about web portal for interest subvention.

West Bengal: 101 CLC functionaries from 63 municipalities attended the CB&L programme organized by the state on September 5 & 7, 2018 at the Administrative Training Institute. Discussions were held among the functionaries and other stakeholders of CLCs to explore possible infrastructure improvements and adoption of new procedures for operation & management of CLCs that can increase livelihood opportunities for the urban poor.

In Bihar: A shelter for urban homeless constructed in Gaya was inaugurated by Hon’ble Minister (UD&HD) on September 6, 2018. The shelter is equipped with 50 beds, toilets, drinking water and other facilities for the homeless. On this occasion, ID cards were distributed to the street vendors identified during the survey and revolving fund was released to SHGs & ALFs.

In Mizoram: A one-day hands on training regarding ‘Technique of mushroom cultivation’ was organized on September 7, 2018 at Mamit district for SHG members to provide them with alternative income opportunities. A total of 60 SHG members attended the training.

SHGs role in National Nutrition Week celebrations in Andhra Pradesh

MEPMA observed nutrition week from September 1 to 7, 2018, in various ULBs to increase awareness on the importance of nutrition in all aspects of life.

SHG members organised rallies and created awareness about the benefits of intake of nutritious food, participated in food expos and provided demonstration on healthy cooking practices for maximum nutrition retention.