

Brief Report of the All India Mayors and RWAs Summit 2023

Dumping Grounds should be replaced with Sanitary Land Fills , demands Summit

7th Jun 2023, Hall No.4, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi : Confederation of RWAs (CoRWA) and Green Society of India organised the 2nd All India Mayors and RWAs Summit today. The Summit was inaugurated by Union State Minister for External Affairs Gov of India Honourable Shri V Murleedharan by lighting a lamp. He said the theme of this Summit "Waste Management" is very appropriate and timely. Jain Acharya Dr Lokesh Ji said that mental pollution is more harmful than pollution on ground. Adviser to the Government of Andhra Pradesh Shri Rajan Chhibber advised the delegates to remain handsome meaning by -extending helping hand to some one.

This Summit was attended by 15 Mayors and Commissioners and more than 300 RWA Delegates from all over the Country. 11 Green India Awards were given away by the honourable Minister.

The Mayor of Gangtok hon'ble Nell Bahadur Chettri said that we have completely stopped the use of Single Use Plastic and water bottles less than 1 litre. In stead we are planning bamboo bottles. The waste about 80 Metric Tons is segregated on a daily basis and the plastic is transported to Silliguri. We pay our sanitary workers their pay in time with bonus .

Hon'ble Rayana Bhagya Lakshmi , the mayor of Vijayawada said that our CNG vehicles for door-to-door collection of waste have four compartments for dry , wet , electronic and plastic waste . We send the segregated wet waste to 13 composts , one bio-methanation plant, and aerobic composters . Waste collected from flower markets is transported directly for making eco friendly products like agarbattis . We are concentrating on beautification of three canals in our Cities . We got the fifth rank in Swachh Surveksham in 2022 .

We are establishing garbage compost of 200 metric ton capacity,"said Mayor of Roorkee Shri Gaurav Goyale" A RWA activist from Hyderabad Shri VV Rao said that we are providing electric autos with the help of municipalities to the rag pickers on a community basis. Four resolutions were passed today unanimously by the entire house as follows :

Resolution No.1 On Waste Management : All municipalities and corporations should make efforts to arrange Scientific Sanitary Land Fills instead of dumping waste on the open ground. Also establish E-waste collections centers with the involvement of RWAs .

Resolution No. 2. More Decentralisation of Powers : The functions which a junior unit like RWA can do should not be performed by senior unit like Nagar Nigam .

Resolution No. 3. On Performance Grant : Municipal Grant is divided in to 80% Basic Grant & 20% Performance Grant. Performance Grant should be given as incentives to the RWAs for specific purposes.

Resolution No. 4 : Stakeholder Participation : There is a need for a stronger and more direct collaboration between the Mayors and the urban citizens through RWAs . Hence, CSR funds and government grants should increasingly support RWA-led programmes related to Climate Change, Quick Reaction Teams of volunteers, Social Adjudication, Plantation, Composting, etc.

Mayor of Aijwal(Mizoram) Shri Lalrinenga Sailo, Mayor of Hissar Shri Anil Saini, Mayor of Haldwani Shri Jogender Pal Singh,, Additional Commissioner of Vijaywada Smt Satyawati, Jt Commissioner of Mizoram Shri Lalremruata Kullai , Dy Secy of the Govt of Sikkim Shri Bahadur Thapa gave excellent presentations .

Engineers from Municipal Corporation Aijwal Mr. Elbethel L. Zadeng , Mr. R. Lalmanpuia, Mr. Lalpianga Chhangte also made a good contribution to the summit .

Mrs Madhuri Subba Rao Friends of Lakes Bangalore Karnataka , **Shri Ajith Kumar PC** General Secretary EDRAAC Ernakulam Kerala , **Dr V Santhanam** President FCWA Chennai Tamilnadu, **Dr Ruby Makhija** , Secy , Navjiwan RWA Navjeevan Vihar, **Shri RSV Badrinath** Green Grace AOA Former Dy Commissioner Hyderabad Talangana , **Shri Bhaskar Gandhi** Ram Prasth Greens Vaishali Ghaziabad UP , **Shri Chetan Sharma** , Founder GS , CONRWA, Delhi, **Dr Gurmehal Singh Sidhu** Vice President Green Clean Welfare Association Rajendra Nagar Sahibabad , **Shri VV Rao** General Secretary KPHB colony RWA Kukatpelly GHMC Hyderabad Telengana , **Shri Venkata Subba Rao** Maddukuri Patamata Electricity colony RWA Vijayawada Andhra Pradesh & **Dr Dhani Ram** Associate professor Ramjas College **were given GREEN INDIA AWARD** for their exemplary work in their respective areas in the field of Environment, Waste DISPOSAL or Administration of their Society. Every citation stands above all remarks.

Presentations were given by Shri Saurabh from Bangalore of TrashCon for segregation of waste enblock. MD of US Environ Pvt Ltd Shri U S Sharma gave a beautiful presentation on segregation of waste by magnetic means. An IT Firm represented by Shri Uday Shankar gave a very useful presentation regarding joining RWAs at National Level and also for communicating with each other.

Former Dy Commissioner of Hyderabad Shri RSV Badrinath, a versatile activist from Telengana Shri BT Srinivasan, the apex office bearer of CoRWA Shri Raghvendra Rao, Shri Meenakshi Sundaram from Tamil Nadu, Shri Ajith Kumar from Ernakulam, Dr V Santhanam from Chennai, Shri Venkat Subbarao Maddukari from Andhra Pradesh, Shri Venketeswar Lu from Gajuwaka, Smt Madhuri Subba Rao from City of Lakes Bangalore brought out various problems having a single solution that priorities of a work should be first discussed with the local RWA. Govt Projects often do not succeed because they do not include those for whom the Projects were formulated.

The Chief Convener of the Summit and CoRWA Col Tejendra Pal Tyagi, Vir Chakra conducted the Summit and said that Dumping of Waste on Ground should be sacrosanctly stopped forthwith by all Municipalities and Urban Local Bodies throughout the Country. Instead, Sanitary Land Fills should be made in which the waste is dumped in a series of trenches and it is compacted and covered every day to stop formation of methane gas.

This summit was a historic event in which Mayors from different parts of the Country came to discuss waste management at the invitation of RWAs which have no constitutional status as of now . This is evolving participatory democracy . Every RWA is a primary school of LOKTANTR.

Mayors focus on waste management at RWA summit

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New Delhi: Mayors, civic decision makers and activists on Wednesday exchanged ideas on waste management at the second All India Mayors and RWAs Summit at Pragati Maidan.

Fifteen mayors and city commissioners from across the country attended the event, organised by the Confederations of RWAs (CoRWA) and Green Society of India, said Col. TP Tyagi, the chief convener of the summit and CoRWA.

Among the speakers was Nell Bahadur Chettri, the mayor of Gangtok. He spoke about

how residents of the Sikkim capital, which has 25,000 households and 19 wards, have accepted changes related to waste management. Sanitation workers, he said, were "the foundation of the municipality". "We always pay their salaries, bonus on time. We have completely banned single-use plastic (SUP) and bottles less than 1 litre. As an alternative, we are about to launch bottles made of bamboo and introduce other bamboo products."

Gangtok receives heavy tourist footfall for at least 5-6 months every year. "Generation of garbage in these months is 80-90 metric ton-

nes, unlike normal days when the city generates 70 metric tonnes. We are ensuring its segregation on a daily basis and through multiple self-help groups, we process waste and transport plastic to Siliguri so that landfill issues will not occur," Chettri said.

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation also highlighted environment-friendly initiatives, too. "We have engaged 286 CNG vehicles for door-to-door collection of waste with four compartments for dry, wet, electronic and plastic waste. Without delay, we send the segregated wet waste to 13 composts, one bio-methanation plant, and

GANGTOK MAYOR SAYS

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aerobic composters, in addition to promoting home composting. Likewise, waste collected from flower markets is transported directly for making eco-friendly products

like agarbattis. Now we are concentrating on beautification of three canals in our cities," Rayana Bhagya Lakshmi, the mayor of Vijayawada, said. The civic body, with 64 wards and a 12.15 lakh population, got the fifth rank in Swachh Survekshan in 2022.

Gaurav Goyal, the mayor of Roorkee, said that before the landfill in their area became unmanageable, the municipality floated a tender for 100% processing of legacy waste in a time-bound manner. "We plan to establish garbage compost of 200 metric-tonne capacity. Penalty is imposed on those not stopping the use of plastic in com-

mercial areas," Goyal said.

Anil Saini, the deputy mayor of Hisar, Haryana, said that all 200 parks have been asked to compulsorily create space for nurseries.

VV Rao, a Telangana activist, described how he pursued the matter of uniform distribution of Swachh autos, or electric autos, with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation commissioner as the chief minister. "The civic body assigned vehicles at 90% subsidy to bring waste pickers into the formal sector but after some complained about not getting vehicles, we followed up the matter," Rao said.

Enclosing a report from Times of India , Just to count one



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Mayors of Vijayvada , Rurki , Haldwani , Hissar having a photo with Green India Award Winners & others



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