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Monumental National Flag at Ridge

Monumental
Flag—flagged
by Hon'ble
Chief Minister
H.P. Shri.
Virbhadra
Singh.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, Himachal Pradesh, on Dec 17' 2015 hoisted a 100 feet tall national flag at the historic Ridge Maidan here, which was the third such flag in the state after Kullu and Dalhousie. The Chief Minister witnessed the band concert and march past by the Indian Army along with Lt. Gen. P M Hariz, GoC-in-C of ARTRAC, Shimla and Lt Gen Raman Dhawan. The Shimla Municipal Corporation (SMC) roped in Tourism Department and SJVNL, which bore the cost of this monumental flag and its installation cost of about Rs. 14 Lakhs. SMC Deputy Mayor Tikender Panwar said, "The Tricolour is our national pride and instills a sense of patriotism and what can be a better place to hoist the flag than Shimla which is not only an internationally renowned city and the erstwhile summer capital of British India."

AMRUT Mission for Rs. 187.75 Cr approved for Shimla by Centre

Government of India, under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development approved the plan for AMRUT Mission at New Delhi on 10 Dec' 2015. Central Government approved the State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) under AMRUT

Mission for Shimla city for projects worth Rs. 52 crores upto March 2016 and Rs. 158.82 crores for next three years upto 2018. The first instalment shall be released before 31st December 2015. The SAAP for AMRUT Mission

was presented by Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Shimla to Apex committee chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development and attended by various officers and expert at Delhi for AMRUT Mission



Buare play at Gaeity Theatre

(Building Urban Action for Resilience in Emergencies)

BUARE is an initiative taken up by and to prepare ward disaster man-MC, Shimla, under which series of trainings on Community based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) at ward level from July to December 2015 with the support of H.P. State Disaster Management Authority and United Nations Development Program, India were conducted. The purpose of these trainings were to prepare citizens for emergencies

agement plans. Play on Disaster Management and exhibition on Ward level Multi hazard and Resource Map were organized on 23rd December, 2015 with cooperation of Department of Language, Art and Culture at Gaiety Theatre, Shimla. The exhibition was inaugurated by Sh. Sanjay Chauhan, Hon'ble Mayor and Sh. Tikender Panwar, Hon'ble Dy

Mayor, M C Shimla. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Ms. Abha Mishra, National Project Coordinator, UNDP-India and Ms Balka Deo, Programme Specialist, USAID.

Resilient Shimla"

"Building

Workshop on Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment of Shimla

UNDP-India has taken an initiative to conduct a study on 'Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of Shimla City' under GOI-UNDP Project on 'Urban Climate Risk Management through Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation'. The work has been awarded by UNDP-India to Taru Leading Edge. The workshop in this regard was organized on 23rd December, 2015 and its purpose was to seek comments

from various concerned departments and stakeholders to make this report more effective, actionable and useful. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member, National Disaster Management Authority, Ms. Abha Mishra, National Project Coordinator, UNDP-India and Ms Balka Deo, Programme Specialist, USAID, Sh. D D Sharma, Special Secretary, Revenue-Disaster Management Cell of Government of Himachal

Pradesh have also attended the meeting.



Workshop on Early Warning of Shimla City on 30th November, 2015.

Hon'ble Mayor Shimla Shri. Sanjay Chauhan at poster presentation for disaster.



The workshop on Early Warning System was organized under GoI-UNDP project on Urban Climate Risk Management through Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation. The purpose of the workshop was to design strategy to prepare an Action Plan of Early Warning of Shimla city. The short term initiatives were also design during the workshop under the guidance of Dr Ajit Tyagi, Former Director General of Indian Meteorological Department, Government of India.



Hon'ble Deputy Mayor speaking during workshop

M.C. Employee Welfare Fund launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Virbhadra Singh launched the Employee Welfare Fund for meeting the unforeseen emergencies for Municipal Corporation Shimla Employees. The Municipal Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner contributed Rs. 1500 each and all other HODs contributed Rs. 1000/- each to initiate this Employee

Welfare Fund. Subsequently to sustain few hundred rupees shall be contributed from each employee from his/her salary and the fund accumulated could be used by the employees in the time of emergency.

Heritage Walk under Swachh Bharat Mission

As a part of Swachh Bharat Mission's "Theme Based Cleanliness Drive", Municipal Corporation Shimla organized a Heritage walk for creating awareness among the tourists visiting the city to keep the city clean. The occasion was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Mayor of MC Shimla and The Commissioner, MC Shimla. Hon'ble Mayor flagged off the "walk" from Historical Church on Ridge Ground. Head of the Departments of various departments of MC Shimla, other officers and sanitation workers of MC Shimla too participated in the event. The banners for appealing

people not to litter during their visit to the city were also displayed along the walk and people were appealed through distribution of pamphlets also to join the initiative for making city litter free. The Swachhta Helpline- 1916 was also put into display so that more and more people are made aware of this helpline to report any littering around the city. The walk terminated at Ambedkar Chowk, Chaura Maidan having more than 200 participants.

Hon'ble Mayor & Commissioner MC Shimla also appealed to the general public of Shimla city not to

litter the city and be a part of every efforts being made by Municipal Corporation Shimla to make the city clean and beautiful so that it retains its Historical, Ecological as well as Aesthetic value.





"Clean Shimla Green Shimla"

Hand-wash Activity on World Toilet Day 19-11-2015

On the occasion of World Toilet Day i.e. 19th November, 2015 Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of SMC-EU Project organized "Handwash Activity" at Krishnanagar and Downdale (Leprosy Colony) areas of Shimla Municipal Corporation focusing mainly on children, women & schools within these slum areas. The main motive of the activity was to sensitize public to adopt healthy & hygienic habits in their daily routines along with spreading & sharing the same message to all in their surroundings too. The hand-wash activity was initiated in a locality of Krishnanagar, near Love Kush Chowk with the group of 15-20 people residing there, mainly consisting women and small children.

First of all PIU team described the objectives and benefits of the activity and then practically demonstrated the steps to be followed during washing the hands. Handbills/brochures depicting the eight steps of handwashing and slogans were also distributed; soap-bar was also distributed as a gift to the participants who demonstrated all the eight steps while washing their hands. Similarly the same activity was performed with the students of 8th & 9th class at Govt. High School, Krishnanagar, during which 45 students, 8 teachers and other staff actively participated in this activity. Further, the activity was continued at Govt. Primary School, Lalpani, where 45 students, 5 school teachers & staff participated in the

activity. After this, PIU moved towards the Leprosy Colony at Down-dale and performed the hand-wash activity after gathering children, women & other residents of the colony. 65 participants comprising mainly children of age group 4-12yrs, and women actively participated in the activity and most of them after learning & watching demonstrated the entire eight steps to be followed while washing hands. In the schools, students were also enlightened about the decentralized mode of solid waste management. Radio FM also heighted the activities carried out by PIU. At the end of the day the activity was concluded at round about 03:30 P.M. and almost 200 children were sensitized







World Bank PwC Panel
Discussion— Panjim,
Shimla & Hubli

World Bank prepared Green Growth City Plan with Shimla city

World Bank and PwC, through series of meetings and discussions prepared, compiled the City Diagnostic Toolkit under Green Growth for Indian cities project in consultation with Shimla Municipal Corporation. Apart from Shimla— Hubli and Panjim cities were also selected from across the country by

these International agencies. The aim of the city diagnostic toolkit is to prepare a framework, for selection of right developmental interventions for cities in various sectors such as water, sanitation, drainage, transport, Information and Communication Technology etc. so that the cities may be able to develop in a more green

these International agencies. The and eco-friendly manner and aim of the city diagnostic toolkit utilize Information Technology is to prepare a framework, for to the best possible way.



Swachh Bharat Toilet Locator Mobile App

"Building Shimla Sustainably"

Shimla is the first one to map all the public toilets on Swacch Bharat Toilet locator tool . Now one can easily locate the toilets if you have a smart phone. Just download the Swachh Bharat Toilet locator app from google Play and enter the location. All the details like opening and closing hours of toilet and number of seats (Indian



or west-ern) and paid or free service are available under the toilet details with pictures. In this initiative 63 public toilets within Municipal limits were mapped through GPS and up-loaded on the mobile app for the benefit of the general public.



World Bank, PwC, Architectus,
Panel Discussion— Panjim,
Shimla & Hubli

Paid on street parking on Cart Road, Shimla

Municipal Corporation Shimla, in order to remove the troubles faced by the general public of facing the ire of traffic challans by parking their vehicles on road has initiated for the first time—on street parking project on PPP mode. The tender of which have been released and the lowest bidder shall be awarded the work. This project will not only regulate the onstreet parking but also generate additional income for the Municipal Corporation.

The project of regulating the street parking at this major level is a first initiative of Shimla and if successful can be made smarter by use of relevant technology.

Homes given to BPL families under Ashiana II

Municipal Corporation Shimla under its flagship programme Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) under JNNURM, in 1st Phase 05 families were allotted houses near Dhalli Tunnel, Shimla by Hon'ble Chief Minister, GoHP, The scheme envisages allocation of 94 houses to BPL families in

Shimla city. Based upon the criteria and guidelines finalized & approved by Hon'ble MC House. The first names were received by MC, Shimla before 15th July' 15 which was the cut off date along with the names of 2 potential beneficiaries from each Hon'ble Councilor.



OTHER SPECIAL HIGH-LIGHTS

- Book Café and new cash branch inaugurated near Padamdev Complex by Hon'ble Chief Minister, H.P. at Ridge, Shimla.
- Road Tarring of 40 kms road completed by Road & Building department, MC Shimla.
- Property tax recovery of about Rs. 14 crores.
- Recovery of unpaid rent by estates of about Rs. 6
- Water bill recovery estimated to be Rs 25 crore by March 2016.
- Pilot testing of Climate Resilient Index in Shimla city by ARUP international Development
- Signed up for Earth Hour City Challenge 2015 16
- Team from Municipal Corporation Shimla visited City of Boulder under CitiLink's Climate Adaptation Partnership Programme (CAPP)-2015
- Received a grant of Rs.19,21,114/- from ICLEI South
 Asia for implementation of project on 'Rejuvenating
 the traditional water sources to augment water security in Shimla Municipal Corporation Area



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