

**Workshop on National Rurban Mission  
Status and Way Forward  
(Southern Region)  
6<sup>th</sup> April  
Bangalore, Karnataka**

**Workshop Proceedings**

**A Regional Workshop was organized for the Southern states viz. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Karnataka. The primary objective of the workshop was to orient the states on ICAP preparation and various related modalities. The workshop also gave an opportunity to the States to share the work done under NRuM so far and the way forward.**

- The workshop began with a brief introduction by the Chief Programme Manager, NRuM, where all the objectives and background of the workshop was presented.
- This was followed by a brief address by the Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Karnataka who spoke on the importance of the programme in light of the rapid urbanization across the country.
- Chief Programme Manager, NRuM gave a brief presentation on the Rurban Mission and broader aspects of the Mission.
- Director, Rurban, NRuM then gave a detailed presentation on the State Institutional Frameworks.
- This was followed by the first technical session on ICAPs. Chief Programme Manager, NRuM gave a detailed presentation on the Integrated Cluster Action Plan. An overview of the entire process of ICAP preparation was given.
- The findings of the secondary research done on the each State Statute dealing with Town and Country Planning was then presented. She highlighted the provisions in various Statutes that deal with planning in the respective States. The process to be adopted for declaration of clusters as planning areas was then discussed with the town planning representatives of each State and a dialogue was facilitated between the RD department and the Town Planning department. This led to clarity on the way forward in the process of the declaration of clusters as planning areas.
- This was followed by an open house discussion. Each State shared their opinion on the ICAP preparation and the process of declaring clusters as planning area.

- State of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Telangana has requested that notification of the planning area should not be mandatory to be completed at the time of ICAP submission.
- This was followed by presentation from each State on the steps taken so far under NRuM and the way forward. The States also gave a brief overview on the various clusters and their features. ( The time lines committed are presented in the key findings note)
- A detailed presentation on procedural aspects of setting up of various institutional frameworks was given by Mr. Rakesh Bangera, NRuM. He detailed out on the various processes that the States could adopt to put in place various institutions as detailed out in the State Institutional Frameworks.
- The workshop came to an end with a vote of thanks by the Director, KSRLM, Karnataka.