

**Workshop on the study on  
“Changes in Public Transport System under JnNURM”, PEARL Programme  
29 July 2013, New Delhi**

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The Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) in collaboration with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) organized a half day workshop to discuss the findings of the study “Changes in Public Transport System under JnNURM”, focusing on evaluating the impact of the modern fleet of buses procured under JnNURM by five mission cities viz. Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Panjim, Indore and Bhubaneswar and the impact of these buses on the local transport sector. The event was held on 29th July 2013 at the NIUA Conference hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. It was organized and funded under the PEARL Programme as part of its mandate to support capacity building through the PEARL network to disseminate knowledge to sector professionals.

The main objective of the workshop was to discuss the constraints faced by the mission cities in implementing the transport system under JnNURM, as drawn out by the study and to discuss about the study’s contribution to the improvement of the public transport systems in Indian cities based on the lessons learned in these five cities. The findings of this study could inform future initiatives such as JnNURM II. Meghraj Capital Advisors (MCA) Private Limited, Mumbai was appointed as the consultant to carry out the subject study.

The workshop was attended by about 30 delegates representing the Ministry of Urban Development, officials from the local municipalities, city transport departments, private sector stakeholders, academicians and others.

The workshop opened with welcome remarks from Mr. Jagan Shah, Director, NIUA who gave a brief introduction and a background on the purpose of the study. Mr. Shailendra Singh, Director (NURM III), MoUD set the context of the workshop.

Mr. Prakash Iyer, Senior Manager at Meghraj Capital Advisors (MCA) Private Limited, Mumbai made a presentation on the topic. He highlighted the main objectives of the study as - analyzing the impact of JNNURM buses on public transportation, analyzing the change in bus user’s satisfaction across selected cities, drawing out constraints and bottlenecks faced in project implementation and enumerating policy level initiatives after finalization of recommendations based on inputs received. The approach adopted included analyzing the Pre and Post-JNNURM I situation in the selected five cities based on parameters such as effectiveness, efficiency, user’s satisfaction, etc. An appreciation of International examples of cities that have successfully developed bus transport systems was done and key learnings that can be applied in the Indian context were drawn upon. He also acknowledged the role played by the government in facilitating bus transport in these international examples and stipulated the role played by private operators. The study concluded with recommendations that would help enhance the effectiveness of the support provided to the bus based transport segment under JNNURM II.

The workshop ended with an interactive session and discussions between the consultants undertaking the study and the participants.