

National Urban Water Awards 2008

Administrative Staff College of India,

Bella Vista, Hyderabad

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It gives us great pleasure that you have joined the National Urban Water Awards 2008 Ceremony, being held on 15 May 2008 at ASCI, Bella Vista, Hyderabad (see programme at the end). The awards are being given away by Dr. M. Ramachandran, Secretary, Union Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD). Shri A. K. Mehta, Joint Secretary, MoUD, is also attending the ceremony. Civil society members, private sector organizations, media persons, and representatives from city governments and water boards across the country are participating in the event.

The Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, in partnership with the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), has instituted the **National Urban Water Awards** for urban local bodies and water utilities *to recognize, inspire and celebrate excellence in urban water management*. The awards are being given away this year for the first time. Conceived as an annual event, the National Urban Water Awards explicitly aim to honour urban local governments and water boards that have taken significant steps towards effective water management and improvement in service delivery. The awards cover a spectrum of good practices that enhance the quality of service delivery to citizens at large and the poor and marginalized sections in particular. They also showcase urban initiatives and provide inspiring models in water management. This initiative acquires significance in the context of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) programme of the Government of India, which is helping cities accelerate ambitious initiatives for change.

Over 60 nominations were received from various cities across the country, of which 16 were shortlisted for consideration by the Advisory Committee, chaired by the Joint

Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. All the nominations were evaluated on the parameters of sustainability, replicability, innovation, and pro-poor and community-based approaches. ASCI and CII technical teams undertook field validation of the shortlisted nominations. The shortlisted nominations are from the cities of Mumbai (Maharashtra), Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra), Badlapur (Maharashtra), Surat (Gujarat), Belgaum (Karnataka), Dehradun (Uttaranchal), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Gwalior (MP), Vijayawada (AP) and Alandur (TN); and from the state of Kerala.

Based on the presentations made by the shortlisted nominees to the Advisory Committee throughout the day, the following organizations have been declared as winners:

- 24x7 Water Supply Initiative – Badlapur Municipal Council, Maharashtra
- Water quality and operation maintenance initiative – Surat Municipal Corporation, Gujarat
- Community and private sector participation in underground sewerage management – Alandur Municipality, Tamil Nadu
- 24x7 water supply initiatives – Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation
- Uttaranchal Koop: An innovative device for tapping potable drinking water – Uttaranchal Jal Sansthan

Special awards to:

- 1) Utilization of recycled domestic waste water for power generation and effective customer grievance redressal system – Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board
- 2) Reforms in revenue enhancement – Kerala Water Authority

For further details on the National Urban Water Awards 2008, visit <http://www.asci.org.in/uri.asp>

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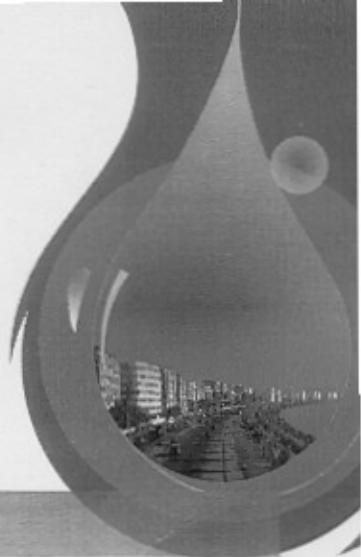
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Implementing continuous (24x7) water supply system	Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC), Maharashtra
Combined water supply scheme for 156 villages and 2 towns	Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, Mumbai, Maharashtra
Rainwater harvesting initiative (Prمود Mahajan water supply scheme)	Kulgaon Badlapur Municipal Council, Maharashtra
Operation and maintenance practices in water management	Surat Municipal Corporation, Gujarat
Water quality monitoring system in water supply	Surat Municipal Corporation, Gujarat
Utilization of recycled domestic wastewater for power generation	Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB), Tamil Nadu
Utilization of ground water to augment surface water by revival of open wells	City Corporation of Belgaum, Karnataka
Uttaranchal Koop: An innovative device for tapping potable drinking water	Uttaranchal Jal Sansthan, Uttaranchal
Re-engineering water supply routes for effective energy savings	Surat Municipal Corporation, Gujarat
Reforms in revenue enhancement	Kerala Water Authority (KWA)
Effective customer grievance redressal mechanism	Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB), Tamil Nadu
Community managed sanitation scheme, Laxman Pura	Gwalior Municipal Corporation, Madhya Pradesh
Improved access to water supply to the poor	Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, Andhra Pradesh
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