The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (erstwhile MoHUPA) conducted a two-day National Review/Consultation for all the States participating in the PMAY (U) Mission on April 12-13, 2017 at New Delhi.

Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon’ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Information & Broadcasting inaugurated the meeting. Hon’ble Minister also released three booklets (Technology Sub-Mission, Capacity Building and Social Audit). Three TV commercials were also launched on this occasion.

During the meeting, key Central and State level officials of the PMAY(U) participated in focused and structured discussions on various aspects of planning, implementation and monitoring of the Mission. The Review meeting also provided opportunities for learning through experience sharing and field visits.

The meeting highlighted following achievements of the PMAY(U), as on March 31, 2017:

- All the States/UTs except Delhi have signed the Memorandum of Agreement with the Government of India for implementing PMAY(U).
- 17.73 Lakh houses have been accepted for Central Assistance of Rs. 27,879 Cr. with a total investment of Rs. 93,473 Cr. This includes Rs. 523.61 Cr. disbursed towards loan subsidy to 28,442 beneficiaries under the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS).
- Top three performing States in the Mission (excluding CLSS) are Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat.
- Top five Performing States under CLSS are Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan.
- 16 new emerging construction technologies have been identified for adoption in PMAY(U). Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) completed Demonstration Housing Project and Community Centre at Nellore and four demonstration housing projects are being constructed at Bhubaneswar, Bihar Sharif, Hyderabad and Lucknow.
- Ministry has released about Rs. 50 Cr for appointment of 2,420 specialists under State Level Technical Cell (SLTC) and City Level Technical Cell (CLTC).
Review of PMAY(U) in the States by Hon’ble Minister

The PMAY(U) Mission, along with the Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT completed 2 years on 25th June 2017. To take the stock of progress of these Missions along with other schemes, the Hon’ble Minister (Housing & Urban Affairs) reviewed 11 States in a span of 3 months. The review meetings were held in the State capitals and in the presence of the respective Chief Ministers and other senior officials from Central & State Governments.

The outcome of these review meeting has been very productive. Hon’ble Minister has reviewed the States to loosen any existing bottlenecks and to enable completion of sanctioned houses in every State by 2022. He also discussed the way forward and strategy for fast tracking the construction of houses. Some more meetings would be conducted in the coming months for reviewing the progress in remaining States.

During one of the review meetings Hon’ble Minister said that the country’s development depends upon the progress of the States, stressing on the three mantras of Prime Minister – Reform, Perform and Transform.

Hon’ble Minister along with senior officials from the Ministry have reviewed the progress of 22 States during the last three months viz. – Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Uttarakhand. The State of Gujarat was reviewed earlier in November 2016.

States remaining to be reviewed are: Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Odisha, Punjab, Telangana and West Bengal and UTs to be reviewed are – Delhi, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nager Haveli and Daman & Diu.
Progress of PMAY(U)

Central Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee (CSMC) Meetings

Central Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee (CSMC) is a decision making body for the PMAY(U) chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and members from other concerned departments. The main function of CSMC includes acceptance of projects submitted by States/UTs for release of central assistance, overall review and monitoring of the Mission.

During the quarter April-June’17, 03 CSMC meetings were held wherein a total of 1,149 projects under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) and In-Situ Slum Development (ISSR) components involving 3,14,106 houses were accepted from 15 States. A total Central Share of Rs.4,696.21 Cr. is involved for 3.14 Lakh houses accepted as above.
Two years of PMAY(U) celebration held on 23rd June 2017

Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (Urban) Housing for All Mission launched on June 25, 2015 envisions meeting the housing needs of India’s urban poor by 2022, which is the 75th year of India’s independence.

PMAY(U) completed two years on 25th June 2017. A National Workshop on “Urban Transformation, Learnings and Way Forward” was conducted to celebrate two years of Urban Missions - PMAY(U) Mission, Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT Mission. An exhibition was organised to highlight the achievements of the Missions in two years.

A compilation of Success Stories and Best Practices from across States, a Passbook for BLC beneficiaries pan India and TPQM guidelines were launched by Rao Inderjit Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State.

CLSS Award ceremony was organised to acknowledge the efforts made by States, Banks and financial institutions with regard to the CLSS component of PMAY(U) Mission. The award ceremony was steered by National Housing Bank, being one of the CNAs of the Mission.
Hon’ble Minister interacted with media during a press conference held in New Delhi on 13 June 2017 on completion of three years of the present Government. A hand book compiling progress of the Urban Missions in three years - ‘Urban Transformation’ was launched by the Minister. In a short span, approval for construction of about 21 lakh affordable houses for the benefit of urban poor and the historic RERA Act made a reality in 2016 have been the highlights of these three years.

Press Conference

Hon’ble Minister addressed the media during a Press Conference on PMAY(U) in New Delhi on 20 April 2017. During the press meet, Hon’ble Minister asserted that the Government has done so much for meeting the housing needs of urban poor during the last three years than what was done in the previous ten years which prove that it is a ‘Government with a difference’ as desired by the people.
India was unanimously elected as the President of the UN-Habitat, an organ of the United Nations’ Organisation (UNO) that promotes socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements across the world, after 10 years. On being elected Shri M.Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs tweeted “Delighted to be elected as president of governing council of UN-Habitat and chair. An opportunity to work towards a new urban future.”

Since the UN-Habitat came into being in 1978, it is only the third time that India has been elected to lead this important organization after 2007 and 1988.

The Governing Council comprises of 58 member States, which represent 5 regional groups.

The Objective of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat is to:

- Promote integral and comprehensive approach to human settlements
- Assist countries and regions with human settlements problems
- Strengthen co-operation and co-participation in all countries on human settlement issues

Hon’ble Minister thanked the Governing Council by tweeting - “I thank the member countries of the Governing Council of @UNHABITAT for reposing faith in India and electing me its President. #GC26”.

Commenting on the development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was sure that Naidu would give his best and contribute towards creating futuristic cities. “Congratulations Venkaiah ji. I am sure you will give your best and contribute towards creating futuristic cities,” PM tweeted.

The theme of the 26th Governing Council of UN-Habitat scheduled from 8th May to 12th May, 2017 in Nairobi, Kenya was “Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda” including the Sub-themes: (i) Towards
inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future; (ii) Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization, and (iii) Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization.

The New Urban Agenda was adopted by the world community at Quito, Ecuador last year.

While chairing the four day meeting of the 58 member Governing Council of UN-Habitat in Nairobi, Kenya from 8th - 12th May 2017, Hon’ble Minister stressed on the need to reorient urban planning and execution strategies to ensure dignity of living and sufficient means of living for people in the context of rapid urbanization, particularly, in developing countries.

He elaborated on the integrated, inclusive and sustainable urban development model of India through various new missions like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Housing For All (PMAY - HFA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Smart City Mission, Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) and Swachh Bharat Mission. He said that these missions are addressing deficits in different kinds of infrastructure including affordable housing in a convergence mode.

He added that such urban development related Missions are further supported by special programmes such as Make-in-India, Digital India, Skill India and Start-up India which all together aim to reinvigorate and reenergise the cities as engines of economic growth and empowerment and as centres of improved quality of life.

Hon’ble Minister also chaired ‘Bureau meeting of Asia Pacific Ministers’ Conference on Housing & Urban Development. As the host of the 6th APMCHUD conference, India will be the chair of the Bureau of APMCHUD for the next two years, till the next conference is held at Tehran in later half of 2018.
Success Stories

Kochi, Kerala

Janaki Balan, 82 lives with her son Mani, grandson Nivin and his wife and a child in a small semi pucca house in Gandhinagar colony in Division 63 of Kochi Corporation. They have been residing in the colony for the past 40 years.

About an year ago, she came to know about PMAY(U) Mission being implemented by the Corporation. She was included in the demand survey conducted in the Division.

Earlier, when she applied for a house loan before PMAY(U) Mission was launched, she was denied loan on the grounds that their land was located in the midst of a colony and also as their family was not having regular income. Both her son and grandson were doing coolie job, which was not satisfactory to the banks for approval of loan.

After knowing about the CLSS component under PMAY (U) Mission, they applied for a bank loan of Rs. 6.00 lakh which got sanctioned. The remaining Rs. 1.00 lakh was arranged from their own savings.

With major financial assistance from the bank and subsidy from GoI, they have constructed a pucca house of 550 sqft area. This Mission has provided them an opportunity for a better and decent living.

Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Anjuben Babubhai Parmar, 20 works as a nurse with a monthly salary of Rs. 7,000 and hails from Ahmedabad. She is the third daughter in a family of five. Her mother, Savitaben Parmar is a widow who has managed to educate her four children and got two of them married. She earns a monthly income of around Rs. 15,000 by selling vegetables.

Currently, both mother-daughter stay on rented house, paying a monthly rent of Rs. 2500. They were sanctioned a loan of Rs. 5.83 lakh under CLSS component of PMAY (U) Mission and received a subsidy of Rs. 2.08 lakh. They will soon move to their new home.