

Monthly Summary of the principal activities of Ministry of Urban Development for the month of January, 2017

I Swachh Bharat Mission

- i. 'Swachh Survekshan- 2017' has been started on 4th January 2017 with the objective of encouraging large scale citizen participation and creating awareness amongst all sections of society about the importance of working together towards making towns and cities a better place to live. This will rank the 500 cities (with population of 1 lakh and above) under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban. More than 200 assessors from Quality Council of India (QCI) are surveying 500 towns and cities on the basis of cleanliness and sanitation. Total number of citizen's feedback received from 435 cities is 8.28 lakh. Till date, 433 cities across 36 states have been assessed. The Swachh Survekshan is expected to be completed by 28th February 2017.
- ii. Quality Council of India (QCI), as third party agency for certifying the protocol of declaring Open Defecation Free (ODF) cities, has certified 493 cities/towns as ODF. 33,039 wards across the country have been declared as ODF so far including 1860 additional wards during this month.
- iii. A 'Technology Evaluation Committee' has been constituted by the Ministry to carry out the technical assessment/ feasibility of identified emerging technologies in India to identify appropriate and sustainable technologies in the field of solid waste, sanitation, water supply and sewerage.
- iv. National Events Calendar 2017, has been designed by the Ministry for Swachh Bharat Mission. The key events for each State are proposed to be enlisted along with expected month of their occurrence during the year 2017.

II Smart Cities Mission

- i. Agra and Jalandhar have created their Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs).
- ii. Rs. 1391.50 crore as part of first year installment has been released to 16 Smart Cities during January, 2017 and a sum of Rs. 2 crore has been released to J&K for preparation of Smart City proposal for Jammu / Srinagar

III HRIDAY

- i. The uniqueness of HRIDAY scheme was showcased in an exhibition during the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas held in Bengaluru during 7-9, January, 2017.
- ii. Second instalment of Rs. 10,71,60,993/- was released to Ajmer Municipal Corporation for the project related to Annasagar Lakefront Upgradation and Development of Pushkar Heritage Walk on 24th January, 2017.

IV. Urban Transport

- i. 2nd installment of Government of India share amounting to Rs. 38.25 crore including Rs.18.06 crore for 220 buses sanctioned to Thane and Rs. 20.19 crore for 240 buses sanctioned to Shillong has been released to the respective State Governments.
- ii. The Draft Cabinet Note related to Metro Rail Bill, 2016 has been circulated to the concerned Ministries/Departments for comments.