





# Objectives & Brief on the Programme

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To create manageable networks between JNNURM cities for cross learning and sharing knowledge on projects, urban reforms and city governance.

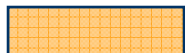
- The Programme was launched on January 31, 2007 at Hyderabad.
- A Network Convener and Potential Knowledge Managers (KM) were identified.
- Review Meeting on March 3, 2008 to identify activities of different groups
- Proposal reviewed in July 2008 – need for focus on outputs and outcomes of reforms and projects were initiated
- First Roundtable Meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at NIUA New Delhi.

# PEARL Peer-pairing and Networks

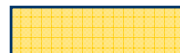
Group A- Mega Cities, with Global Character in Socio-Economic Profile	Group B – Industrial Mega Cities	Group C – Mixed Economy Cities Service/Trade/ Institutional functions	Group D – Cities of Cultural and Religious Significance	Group E – Hill Cities
Delhi Greater Mumbai Ahmedabad Bangalore Chennai Kolkata Hyderabad Pune Surat	Faridabad Ludhiana Cochin Vishakapatnam Kanpur Coimbarore Jamshedpur Asansol Dhanbad Indore Nashik Vadodara Nagpur Rajkot	Patna Bhopal Jaipur Lucknow Meerut Jabalpur Vijayawada Guwahati Jammu Raipur Ranchi Thiruvanthapuram Bhuvaneshwar Chandigarh	Madurai Varanasi Agra Amritsar Allahabad Panaji Bodhgaya Ujjain Puri Ajmer-Pushkar Mysore Pondicherry Mathura Haridwar Nanded	Itanagar Imphal Shillong Aizawal Srinagar Kohima Gangtok Agartala Dehradun Nainital Shimla

# Status of Groups

Groups	Knowledge Manager	Network Convener
Mega Cities	Mega Cities Association, Kolkata	Mega City Forum
Industrial Mega Cities	AIILSG, Mumbai	Nagpur
Mixed Economy Cities	CMA, M.P.	Bhopal
Heritage Cities	CEPT, Ahmedabad	Agra
Hill Cities	UAA, Nainital	Nainital



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## Revised Focus of PEARL

- Act as a platform to share knowledge among governments at national, state, and local levels in JNNURM cities;
- Provide information on organizations, techniques, technologies, resources, innovations, best practices, etc. for the projects and reforms;
- Support outputs of JNNURM in terms of planning and implementation of projects and reforms
- Help to set up discussion forums, news, guidance, etc. among JNNURM cities ; and
- National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) to act as National Coordinator



# Activities

- The PEARL website (India Urban Portal) to be linked with JNNURM website.
- Documentation of best practices on planning and implementation of projects and reforms, innovations etc.
- Newsletter (3 issues).
- Conducting National and three Groups Workshops

## Workshops Held Under PEARL



**First Roundtable Meeting was held on December 4 2008 at NIUA New Delhi.**

- The main objective of the roundtable was to discuss contents of the proposed PEARL website – India Urban Portal ([www.indiaurbanportal.in](http://www.indiaurbanportal.in)), which is the gateway to the mission cities under JnNURM and linked to the main website of JnNURM.
- The roundtable witnessed participation of all the Knowledge Managers and various other important stakeholders.

# Workshops Held Under PEARL



## Group Workshop on Heritage, Culture and Religious Cities in Madurai on February 2 2009

- The main objective of the workshop was to share and discuss various initiatives being taken under the identified JNNURM Cities falling under the "D" Group of PEARL.
- The Senior Officials of the Group D attended this one-day workshop along with important city officials, MOUD, NTAG as well as important representatives from the related field.





## Workshops Held Under PEARL

### Second Group Workshop on Mega Cities in New Delhi on 4th July 2009.

- The workshop was attended by senior officials from the MoUD, 4 mega city Municipal Corporations, Mega Cities Association (MCA), NIUA, other eminent members, etc.
- The main objective of the workshop was to discuss on the JNNURM Urban Reforms, PPP and the innovative initiatives taken in this regard in the respective cities of the Mega cities Group.



## PEARL Website - India Urban Portal (www.indiaurbanportal.in)



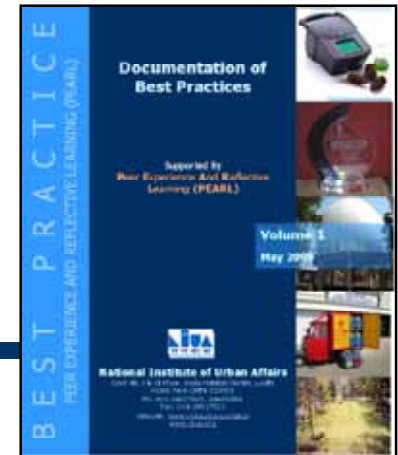
- PEARL website is already operational and linked with JNNURM website. The goal is to provide portal to urban information and to create a network, community and resource.
- This website documents Best Practices, Projects, Reforms, News / Events, Data / Resources, Publications, About JNNURM, Gallery (Photos & Films) and Newsletters, etc.
- The website covers all mission cities under JNNURM and other non-JNNURM cities.
- Updates on best practices in projects, reforms (central, state & ULB) and innovations etc. are regularly updated in the website.
- The site provides a knowledge-sharing platform for interaction and discussion.
- An average monthly hit of 40,000 is being reached.
- Options on developing new CMS for the website is already under process and soon will be online.

# PEARL Newsletter – “PEARL Update”

- Newsletter for PEARL, one of the major activities of the project is being carried out regularly – First two Issues of “PEARL Update” have been published and circulated. The third Issue of “PEARL Update” Newsletters has just arrived and has been circulated on your table.



# PEARL Best Practices Report



Documentation of best practices in planning and implementation of urban infrastructure projects, reforms, innovations, among others is in progress and is disseminated for cross learning among cities.

- “Documentation of Best Practices” Volume 1, under PEARL, the first best practices report has been published and disseminated among important stakeholders.
- The second best practices report on Municipal Reforms under JnNURM is being planned to be released on 3rd December 2009.
- Many other Institutions have already shown interest and have been found suitable for documenting the third best practices report.

NIUA and the Internet Business Solutions Group, CISCO Systems Inc. signed a Statement of Work for capacity building.



# PEARL – Issues & Constraints

**Following issues/constraints were identified in the workshops:**

- Identifying the knowledge gaps and information sharing issues; best practices and crosscutting issues; etc.
- Should Associate Training Institutes (ATIs) should be identified and involved to build the network?
- Mechanism to evolve the PEARL Urban Portal needs to be decided.
- Mechanism for the website where quarries shall be posted, on the ways to respond and interact.
- Mechanism to converge all ULBs and to develop proper network between them through connectivity of E-Governance system. E-Governance should be the main focus in the reform agenda and the PEARL platform can be suitably utilized for the same to share knowledge and information;
- To institutionalize knowledge sharing among ULBs.
- Proper tools and guidelines to be developed and need to converge Group Cities.



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## PEARL – Issues & Constraints

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- Theme specific core groups to be formed and organisation of sub group specific workshops in future
- To conduct a cluster based regional training programme on preparation of DPRs, preparation of Heritage Plans, etc. for cities
- To develop an expert desk facility to extend the requisite support to cities in institutionalizing the activities
- The Mega Cities should find a way to access the capital market to enhance their financial sources and make themselves self sustaining
- The possibility of setting up a committee to solely look into the various issues of the Group Cities. The group may constitute specialists from national and internationally reputed organisations.



# PEARL – WAY FORWARD

- Third Group Workshop with Industrial Mega cities, Mixed Economy cities and Hill Cities to be held in December 2009.
- Regular updating of PEARL Website - India Urban Portal ([www.indiaurbanportal.in](http://www.indiaurbanportal.in)) is under process with improved CMS system.
- Cities Alliance (CA) and NIUA are planning together to provide knowledge support to PEARL through Knowledge Network Support Unit (KNSU).
- USAID and DFID has extended support to the sponsorship between Cities Alliance and NIUA.
- ADB agreed to provide knowledge products to the network.



# PEARL – WAY FORWARD

- Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) has dialectic their support to help PEARL to analyze, document and disseminate communication material on urban reforms.
- World Bank Institute (WBI)-NIUA-Cities Alliance are planning to organize a workshop on “International Experiences to Enhance PEARL Network”, early next year.



# Knowledge Network Support Unit (KNSU): CA Support: Objectives

- Assess knowledge needs of the network
- Capacity building of cities to implement reforms and projects
- Develop the network for horizontal learning
- Link with national and international network
- Provide inputs for national urban strategy

