

UM-19: Effective implementation of Municipal Building Byelaws (GOI)

10th to 12th November 2020

Urban Management Centre, Administrative Training Institute, West Bengal

The Urban Management Centre (UMC), ATI has conducted a 3-day Online Training Course on **"Effective implementation of Municipal Building Byelaws"** from **10th to 12th November 2020** for the functionaries of ULBs of West Bengal. The course was sponsored by Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Govt. of India.

Municipal Building Byelaws form a crucial framework of standards and specifications to monitor construction activities of all types in a ULB. The Building Regulations are intended to protect people's safety, health and welfare in and around buildings. Building byelaws are made to ensure orderly development of localities in urban areas so that every house is assured good ventilation and no building affects the neighbourhood lighting and ventilation. Effective implementation of these regulations go a long way in conservation of fuel and power, protection and enhancement of the environment and promotion of sustainable development.

The training has been customized to specifically address grey areas in this vast subject and the following topics were discussed:

- Landuse, land conversions and other land related issues
- Building plan sanction process
- Special provisions regarding tall buildings
- Regulations on means of access, exit rules, and fire safety
- Good practices on online building plan sanction
- Good practices on green building measures

The sessions were very interactive as participants had many questions for the experts. They also shared their experience of developing their own customized processes for faster service delivery. There were 39 participants from 25 ULBs. Majority of the participants were Municipal engineers, while some were Urban Planners and managers. At the end of the course, the participants submitted an exercise and took a MCQ test for learning evaluation.

The sessions were conducted by experienced officers from Municipal Engineering Directorate and New Town Kolkata Development Authority as well as experienced private practitioners. Shri Kaushik Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Urban Management Centre, ATI and Course Director of this training course moderated the training course.

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