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Specialized Workshop for Thane Smart City



As part of the development of an SDG Assessment Framework for Thane Smart City Limited, CEGET organized a specialized workshop for the key stakeholders and project heads of TSCL on 26th February 2020 at Thane Municipal Corporation/Maharashtra.

The purpose of specialized workshop was to discuss project progress with project leaders and key stakeholders of TSCL and to collect required data/information and recommendation for further development of SDGs assessment/sustainability framework for the city. A questionnaire was developed for different departments of Thane Municipal Corporation and shared with the projects heads to provide their

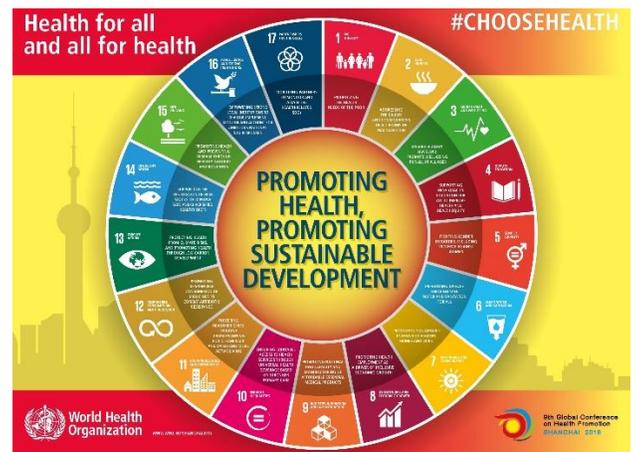
responses and suggestions for making Thane Smart City a sustainable city.

Mr. Sameer Unhale, CEO, TSCL and Addl. Commissioner of Thane Municipal Corporation, Mr. Sudhir Gaikwad, Nodal person, TSCL, Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Director, CEGET/GCNI and Mr. Somnath Singh, Program Manager, CEGET/GCNI and 24 Projects heads and stakeholders of TSCL participated in the workshop.

AHSCON 2020 (Allied Health Sciences Conference)

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) and Allied Health Science (AHS) Colleges of Karnataka organized a National Conference for allied health science fraternity from 1st to 3rd February 2020.

Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui, Director, CEGET spoke on Promoting Public Health through Sustainable Development Goals. She focused on SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being and stated that not only does disease impact the well-being of an individual, it burdens family and public resources, weakens societies, and squanders potential. The health and well-being of people at all ages therefore lies at the heart of sustainable development.



Ms. Siddiqui highlighted the role of Youth as **Critical thinkers**: Youth have the capacity to identify and challenge existing power structures and barriers to change, and to expose contradictions and biases; **Change-makers**: Young people also have the power to act and mobilise others, bolstered by broader connectivity and access to social media; **Innovators**: Youth best understand the problems they face and can offer new ideas and alternative solutions and **Communicators**: Young people can and should be partners in communicating the development agenda to their peers and communities at the local level.

Empowering Grassroots- Action for Sustainable Development 2020



Smile Foundation, a national level development organisation, organized a two-day national consultation called 'EMPOWERING GRASSROOTS – Action for Sustainable Development' on 18-19 February 2020 at Hotel South Gate, Green Park, New Delhi. Ms. Shabnam Siddiqui was the Chief Guest at the event and delivered the session on CSR Act & Recent Amendments in India. She mentioned that, "It is more a need today than ever before to work with compliance and regulatory norms. The growing spends by corporates and Government's thrust towards CSR, has made it a prerequisite for all NGOs to adhere to the norms stated, Failing to do so, results in shutting down of operations."

This event had active participation of 41 participants which included 24 individual participants from 23 grassroots NGOs from states like, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh other than 17 programmatic team members of Mission Education programme of Smile Foundation deputed pan India.

The goal of this event was to build stronger, well skilled NGOs and staff that can carry out their duties well, increase self-reliance and strengthen position as representatives of the target groups.

Upcoming Initiatives

National Conclave on "CSR Compliance and SDGs: Enhancing Impact for Public Good"

India is the first country in the world to make Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mandatory, following an amendment to the Companies Act 2013, which noticed further Amendments in 2019. Since the applicability of mandatory CSR provision,

CSR spending by corporate India has increased significantly.

With the rising growth in CSR spends however, there is also a growth in the demand for accountability at the legal, strategic and stakeholder level. As is the demand to connect CSR compliance and its impact to achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

The Centre of Excellence for Governance, Ethics and Transparency (CEGET) at Global Compact Network India will organise an exclusive Conclave on “CSR Compliance and SDGs: Enhancing Impact for Public Good” on Friday April 24, 2020 at New Delhi. The conclave aims to analyse the process of formulating a model, the form of execution and the synchronization of CSR with the SDGs. Some key areas of deliberation will be around:

1. CSR compliance and reporting
2. How can CSR catalyse the global efforts towards achieving SDGs
3. CSR and SMEs – Case for Collective Action

Smart Republic 2020

Smart Republic 2020: Strategies for building One Trillion Dollar Digital Economy Ecosystem for India – Policies, Partnerships & People. April 29-30, New Delhi, India.

The Smart Republic forum, envisaged as a Multi Partner global forum, deliberates on the collaboration framework between government and multiple agencies like the World Bank, UN Habitat, Global Compact Network India among others, for achieving shared goal of making India a Smart Republic by 2024. Smart Republic 2020 is the 7th edition of the global forum scheduled to be held on April 29-30, 2020 in New Delhi, India.

The 2020 conference will see deliberations on the collaboration framework for Digital & Data Economy Ecosystem between government multilateral and bilateral development agencies, industry, civil society organizations and academia for

achieving shared goal of making India a leading data and digital economy. Smart Republic forum will focus on innovative digital platforms & solutions and deployment of best practices to catalyze effective, coordinated and results-based implementation of Digital Economy program.

CEGET, under its knowledge partnership with World Bank, is a partner of this 7th edition of Smart Republic. For more details of the Conference please log on to <https://smartrepublic.in/>