

### UDM's Message

We are all aware of the burgeoning levels of urbanization which currently stands at 31.15% as per 2011 census and is expected to reach 40% by the year 2021. In the wake of such unprecedented urbanization, the JNNURM was launched 6 years ago to converge Government of India's endeavors towards improving the condition of and quality of life in our cities through a set of focused initiatives and reforms. This was backed up with provision of funds for infrastructure development and provision of basic services, not only in the metropolitan cities but also in the smaller towns across the country.

JNNURM has been instrumental in creating a wide array of urban infrastructure such as roads, flyovers, automated parking lots, pumping stations, sewage treatment plants, solid waste processing plants, sanitary landfills, etc., and providing an opportunity for public-private partnerships (PPPs).

The Ministry has sanctioned 533 projects worth ₹ 60,545 crore in Class I Mission cities alone. As far as the implementation of reforms is concerned, 64% of the State level reforms and 82% of the optional reforms committed have been completed, as against the 6<sup>th</sup> year Commitments.

While the present Mission period is coming to a fairly successful end, the Ministry is deliberating upon undertaking a new and improved next phase of the Mission.

As we move forward in addressing our urbanization challenge, it is vital that we keep abreast of the changes and developments that are taking place in the rest of the world. Furthermore, it is important for the Ministry to adopt latest technologies to communicate with the States/Mission cities, disseminate information on urban management and promote network amongst themselves for cross learning and knowledge sharing.

It gives me pleasure in launching a new version of the website on JNNURM which will enable greater exchange of information and knowledge sharing.

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