

## TA 6814 WEBPAGE 1

<b>Project Name</b>	TA-6814 IND: Agartala City Urban Development Project KSTA01 Capacity Development for the Agartala City Urban Development Project (53262-001)
<b>Client</b>	Asian Development Bank
<b>Start Date</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>End Date</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
<b>Reporting Period</b>	December 2023

### OUTPUTS & OBJECTIVES

The three major project outputs are:

- i. To upgrade urban roads and drainage,
- ii. To upgrade tourist destinations through renovation and strengthened eco-friendliness,
- iii. To raise community consciousness regarding sanitation and hygiene, and to support the improved capacity of target agencies in urban service delivery.

The Project aims to help the stakeholders to:

- i. Increase staff knowledge and capacity in tourism related operations & preparation of tourism promotion plan
- ii. Improve livelihood opportunities for target groups and preparing strategy for product marketing
- iii. Increase staff knowledge on project O&M, contract management and financial management
- iv. Strengthen staff knowledge/skills of ASCL & PWD staff in road safety, asset management & maintenance
- v. Strengthen climate resilient urban planning, gender analysis and mainstreaming, and gender-responsive budgeting in urban planning for UDD & TUDA
- vi. increase knowledge and capacity development of institutions, including through institutional reforms
- vii. Strengthen staff knowledge/skills of ASCL & PWD staff in road safety, asset management & maintenance
- viii. Create community awareness in sectors of water, sanitation & hygiene and communicable diseases

### STAKEHOLDERS

The key stakeholders in this project are Agartala Smart City Ltd. (ASCL), Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC), Urban Development Department (UDD) and Tripura Urban Development & Planning Authority (TUDA).

Other stakeholders are Tripura Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (TTDCL), Tripura Jal Board (TJB) and Public Works Department (PWD) are also.

Communities within the city of Agartala are also stakeholders.

## **ACTIVITIES**

This capacity Building Project aims to support institutional capacity through providing technical assistance and capacity building interventions. Short training courses and workshops have begun and will continue throughout the life of the project. The first workshop took place in September 2023.

Gender focussed are an important part of the project. 30% of participants for training has been reserved for female participants.

The key tasks under the project are grouped into 14 main areas of activity.

### **TASK GROUP 1: skill & knowledge enhancement for multiple groups**

- Task 1A** Strengthen Ujjayanta Palace staff knowledge/ skills on tourism-related operations & capacity for community mobilization
- Task 1B** Livelihood enhancement: target group - shopkeepers in Ujjayanta Palace Shopping Arcade & vendors for the Model Food Street.
- Task 1C** Strengthen Project Management and Operation and Maintenance of Urban Infrastructure
- Task 1D** Strengthen own-source revenue generation and financial management
- Task 1E** Strengthen climate resilient urban planning, gender analysis and mainstreaming, and gender-responsive budgeting in urban planning for UDD & TUDA
- Task 1F** Strengthen staff knowledge/skills of ASCL & PWD staff in road safety, asset management & maintenance
- Task 1G** Prepare Groundwork for future institutional reforms and mapping institutional structure of Tripura Jal Board
- Task 1H** Increase knowledge of AMC Health staff on preventive healthcare & disease control
- Task 1I** Provide & implement support for identified software for AMC, UDD & TUDA

### **TASK GROUP 2: targets ASCL**

- Task 2A** Provide technical support to ASCL for implementation of Smart City projects
- Task 2B** Provide technical support to ASCL for implementation and maintenance of Smart Roads

### **TASK GROUP 3: community campaigns for health & safety**

- Task 3A** Develop community awareness strategy & modules to speed up public health & food safety progress.
- Task 3B** Develop community awareness strategy & campaigns for road safety
- Task 3C** Develop community awareness strategy for behaviour change in WASH

**TIMELINE** April 2023 to March 2027

## THE TEAM

Name	Management Team
Mr. Salim Sk Altaf	Project Manager
Mr. Rahul Roy	Project Coordinator
Mr. Chris Ashton	Team Leader
Mr Debajit Adhikary	Agartala Office Manager
Baisakhi Ray	Agartala Office Support Staff
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Key Expert Team	
Rahul Jotshi	O&M Expert
Nitin Suri	Financial Expert
Rahul Awade	Urban Development Expert
Tamali Ganguly	Community Mobilization Expert
Jayashree Mahana	Landscape Architect
Tanmay Dash	Tourism Expert
Rakesh Bhatt	BCC & WASH Expert
Anupama Sharma	Municipal Health Expert
Dr. Prachi Sharma	Gender Expert
Ganvir Singh	Contract Management

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Month	Theme	Module	Key Expert	Target Group	Duration
Mar-24	Contract Management & Procurement	ADB Contracts (Statutory & compliances)	Project & Contract Management Expert	Project Engineers (ASCL, AMC, UDD, TUDA)	1 session
Mar-24	Climate Resilience & Urban Development	Transit Oriented Development	Urban Development Expert	Senior Staff, Planners, consultant (UDD & TUDA)	1 session
Mar-24	Tourism & Livelihood	Community Outreach & Engagement	Tourism Expert	TTDCL officers	1 session

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## Pictures

The sites for the smart city projects, namely Ujjayanta Palace, MBB Lake and the Smart Roads were visited by the O&M Expert, Urban Development Expert and the project coordinator. Initial site assessment and observation of issues and constraints were done.



*Visit to Smart Road stretches*



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*Visit to Ujjayanta Palace*

Images from the 1<sup>st</sup> training workshop on Benefits and Impacts of Capacity Building & Contract Management

Photographs of participation in workshop organised for Gender Awareness: