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## Labour Pains of the Smart City Ache Too Much!

As the monsoon arrives, the open seams of the town of Udaipur cry for immediate attention as in the pre-monsoon rains only the roads have caused enough hassle to the citizens.

It may be argued that for a better future one has to bear the pangs. But these pangs of the birth of a smart city have become too painful. Udaipur has been included in the list of 100 cities of India which

The listed cities are required to have some basic amenities for implementing the project. The parameters of smart city include proper sewerage line, heritage walk, low carbon mobility, presence of good education institutes and stared hotels. Of these the sewerage system is the only thing that seems to be visible around. The roads have been unseamed and sewerage pipes are being put in the furrows which are at

filth will flow back inside the house. Pipes of kitchen and those of toilets fall into the same pit. Who knows some day the filth may flow right into the kitchen. After connecting the pipes no one has cared to come back and check if the system is working properly.

Retired Executive Engineer Sh.G.P.Soni who is an authority on the subject, told that in western countries when new towns are planned sewerage lines and gas pipe lines are laid down so that as and when the houses are constructed, they may be given connection. In a settled township where already septic tanks are there, the idea of laying down a sewerage line is unscientific.

In Udaipur Smart City Project Phase-I Conservation & Development Works of Heritage façade, Lighting & Signage's for Historic Bazaars in the Walled City, Udaipur was conceived and a sum of Rs. 660.00 lacs was laid out for this.

Similarly redevelopment of Government schools and Anganbaris in the municipal area was planned with a huge sum of about 1000 lacs. Tenders had been issued but actual work on the ground still needs to be done. Public trans-

port system is not seen and the roads are overcrowded with personal vehicles. Ironically bus stands have been built by the roadside at many places. What people will wait for standing in the shade of such bus stands?

What is worse is that no effort to make the hills surrounding Udaipur green is visible. Instead, hills are being ripped for hotels and other construction work. A huge water tank has been constructed on a hill of Machla Magra to provide 24X7 water supply to the houses of the walled city. But where is water? Today water is being supplied for one hour every alternate day, from where we shall get water to provide 24X7 supply.

And what is the need of this? The government schools and Anganbaris are in the same state as they were. The only development seen is the parking in Town hall and open gyms at places in the town. Mosin Khan, leader of opposition at the Udaipur Municipal Corporation, said no significant change has been witnessed in the lives of residents of the city, where nearly Rs. 101 crore has been spent under the smart city mission and Rs. 98.81 crore under convergence projects.

"The entire city has been dug up for constructing underground duct for electric wires. Several other works done,

We are restoring the existing sewer lines. To increase the speed of the projects, multi-fronts have been opened up."



such as open air gyms, are seldom being used," Khan said. "The city has a lot of potential in terms of tourism. We were expecting something significant to happen but we are disappointed."

Kummer Uizaman Choudhary, CEO of Udaipur Smart City Limited, said "We have a major integrated infrastructure project. In another four months we will see a good number of projects completed."

The projects, such as the ones on heritage, city bus and IT, are at the tendering stage.

Mushrooming private educational institutions have not even been touched in this project. They have become centers of all types of corruption. Teachers, parents and students are all exploited in these institutions.

At the present what is most important is to clear all blockades in the water flow system and the already weak drainage. Water-logging is a big issue in the town and before the rains pour in, it needs to be attended to.

- Editorial

## Hindustan Zinc's five units bag Bhamashah Award for contribution in Education field

Udaipur: For its continued efforts in the field of education, Hindustan Zinc bagged the 25th Bhamashah Award on 28th June, 2019 at a ceremony held in Birla Auditorium,



Jaipur. Five units of Hindustan Zinc; Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter, Rajpura Dariba Complex, Zawar Mines, Rampura Agucha Mine and Zinc Smelter Debari; were presented with the Bhamashah Award for outstanding contribution in the field of education. The Bhamashah Award is a state level award presented for excellent contribution in the field of education.

The total contribution of 113 Bhamashahs came up to Rs. 152 crore, of which 25% contribution was from Hindustan Zinc. For their contribution to uplift education in Rajasthan, Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter came first with a contribution of Rs. 12.41 crore, Rajpura Dariba Complex at second with Rs. 11.95 crore and Zawar Mines at third with 8.77 crore, all of whom were awarded with the 'Shiksha Vibhushan' award. Rampura Agucha Mine too was awarded the 'Shiksha Vibhushan' award while Zinc Smelter Debari received the 'Shiksha Bhushan' award.

The event was attended by Chief Minister - Ashok Gehlot, Higher Education Minister - Bhawar Singh Bhati, State Education Minister - Govind Singh Dotsara and Finance Secretary - Subhash Garg. Education officers and other esteemed guests were also present during the event. On behalf of Hindustan Zinc, the awards were received by Vishal Agarwal and Shiv Bhagwan for Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter, Abhay Gautam for Rajpura Dariba Complex and Dalpat Singh Chauhan & Ruchika Naresh Chawla for Rampura Agucha Mine.

The development and betterment of education has been a focus for Hindustan Zinc under their Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives. Be it providing additional classes of Maths, English and Science subjects under its Shiksha Sambal program, coaching for IIT exams under Unchi Udaan initiative or construction of Nandghars for primary education, education has been given utmost importance.



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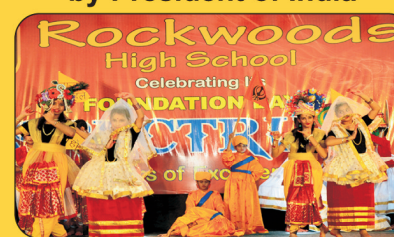
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