

SUBJECT: River City Alliance: Two Day Training at Kolkata on Making River Sensitive Master Plans

To train the officials and stakeholders for making river-sensitive master plans in West Bengal, a two-day workshop had been organized in Kolkata.

Thirty-three senior officials attended the training, including representatives from various Planning and related departments at the state and city level in West Bengal.

The workshop began with an address from Sh. Rajeev Kumar Mittal, Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga, and Sh. Nalin Srivastava, Deputy Director General, NMCG, discussing the ongoing works of NMCG on urban river management. Shri Pratik Dhumal, OSD, UDMA & APD, WBSPMG, shared details about the initiatives undertaken by the WBSPMG on river management.

In the two days training programme, participants learned about the importance of incorporating river-thinking into their Master Plans, explored the planning tools available for this purpose, and reviewed case examples of Master Plans that have integrated into river-related elements. Engaging exercises and discussion rounds provided opportunities for participants to share their challenges and experiences.

The workshop concluded with Smt. Nandini Ghosh, Senior Special Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal & Program Director, West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG), highlighting the importance of river sensitive urban development and extensive work done in West Bengal towards the management of urban rivers.

RCA Secretariat, have extended their gratitude to Smt. Nandini Ghosh and Shri Pratik Dhumal for their support in organizing this training program.

Participants shared insightful ideas on integrating river-thinking into their existing plans, drawing from the experiences of other cities. They expressed a fresh perspective and innovative thinking towards the urban planning approach.





