

State Training for Master Trainers: Health and Safety of Sanitation Workers

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) organized a 'Training for Master Trainers for Health and Safety of Sanitation Workers' on 27th May 2020. The training was conducted virtually through Zoom platform. The participants in the training included officials like Sanitary Inspectors, supervisors, municipal officials in-charge of sanitation from Lucknow, Bijnor and Chunar. The training also included engineers from Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam engineers responsible for operations of STPs in the city.

The objective of the training included

1. Ensure all the sanitation workers in the city get regular orientation on the symptoms and precautions needed to fight COVID-19.
2. Officials are aware of good practices related to health, safety and hygiene needed to be followed by sanitation workers during COVID-19.

Topics Covered during the training

1. Essential COVID-19 information to be covered during COVID-19. This include symptoms of COVID-19 and its precautions and other good hygiene practices to be followed during COVID-19 crisis.
2. Minimum personal protective equipment recommended during COVID-19. This included messages related to how to wear a mask, how to dispose or safely reusing a mask.
3. Precautions to be taken by sanitation workers while at work. Specific issues to take care for different categories of work like door to door collection, vacuum tanker operator, STP/FSTP operator, operator of a community toilet etc.
4. Good hygiene practices to be followed by sanitation workers before and after work.

Advisories and guidelines referred during the training:

- 1) Advisory Issued by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment dated 20th April 2020 on ensuring health and safety of sanitation workers
- 2) Advisory from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs dated 25th March 2020 on maintaining cleanliness during lockdown
- 3) <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/PreventionandManagementofCOVID19FLWEnglish.pdf>
- 4) Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/Diagnosis/ Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients issued by Central Pollution Control Board dated 18th April 2020

In order to support this training, CSE Programme Support Unit – DoUD (U.P.) has developed the following:

- 1) A pocket book containing checklists, important information on COVID-19 and good practices recommended through advisories and guidelines issued by Govt. of India.
- 2) Video and Audio messages which can be used for giving out orientation to the Sanitation Workers.

Follow-up of the training:

As a follow-up to the training, the participants (master trainers) would be giving orientation to the sanitation staff working under them. This would be rolled out in small batches to avoid crowding and strictly maintaining physical distancing. 2 sessions each in Bijnor and Chunar and one session in Lucknow (Zone-4) has already been conducted for orientation of sanitation workers on COVID-19.

Break-up of participants in the training:

Total Participants: 19

Number of cities: 3

Bijnor Nagar Palika Parishad

1. Mr Surender Kumar, Safai Nayak, Bijnor
2. Mr Shamshad Ahmed, Safai Nayak, Bijnor
3. Mr Neeraj Kumar, Safai Nayak, Bijnor
4. Mr Vishal, Safai Nayak, Bijnor

Chunar Nagar Palika Parishad

1. Mr. Mitlesh Kumar, Sanitary Inspector
2. Mr. Lalmani, Sanitary Inspector

Lucknow Nagar Nigam

1. Mr Rahul Maurya, Zonal Incharge (Zone-5)
2. Ms Sanchita Mishra, SFI (Zone-4)
3. Mr Santosh Goswami, Zonal Incharge (Zone-8)
4. Mr Satya Brat Singh, Zonal Incharge (Zone-2)
5. Ms Ruby Upadhyay, SFI (Zone – 3)
6. Mr Suni Verma (Zone-4)
7. Mr Govind Singraur (Zone-4)
8. Shazi Rizwi, Zonal Incharge (Zone-7)
9. Mr Sanjay Singh, Zonal Incharge (Zone-6)
10. Ravi Choubey, Zonal Incharge (Zone-1)

Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam

1. Mr Afzal Khan (Chunar)
2. Mr Mohit Vikram Singh (Bijnor)
3. Mr Rajesh Kumar (Lucknow)