

SLWM pilot to be launched in Dhenkanal



In order to bring together all stakeholders onto the same platform to develop a common understanding on the vision and objectives of the Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) Project in Dhenkanal District of Odisha, a workshop was held on 29th September 2020.

The objective of the workshop was to get some insights into the sanitation issues and challenges of the rural areas in Dhenkanal where the SLWM project will be launched as a pilot project.

The workshop held at the DRDA Conference hall saw the participation of the District Collector, Mr. Bhumesh Chandra Behera, Project Director-DRDA, ADP (Administration), CDMO, DPO, EE-RWSS, DSWO, DEO, EO Dhenkanal Municipality, Municipal Engineer, and representatives from UNICEF as well as the Centre for Policy Research (CPR).

Other key stakeholders such as Block Development Officers of all the eight Blocks joined the meeting through video conferencing.

Among the key points of discussion were:

- The project will focus on both Solid and Liquid Waste Management including Faecal Sludge management across the District.

- Solid and Liquid Waste Management Project in Dhenkanal has been conceptualized and intended to achieve district-wide sanitation through leveraging on the available urban Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant to safely manage faecal sludge generated in the neighbouring Gram Panchayats.
- The process of solid and liquid waste management would be demonstrated amidst a cluster of rural areas that cover a group of Gram Panchayats in the Dhenkanal district.
- The main aim of the initiative is to create a model for enabling replicability both at the state and national levels.



- The plan is for the project to address the requirements of the nearby Gram Panchayats, located within the range of 10-KMS distance from the Municipality boundary while conforming to the SBM-G Phase-II guidelines.
- Meanwhile, the Dhenkanal Municipality has been instructed to sign an agreement to formalize the existing the Faecal Sludge Management service delivery in the rural areas.
- The key priority is to extend the urban facilities to the rural areas to improve the quality of life of the rural populace, through convergence of urban FSM services with the rural.