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SMART CITIES MISSION

The Government of India launched the Smart Cities Mission on 25.6.2015 to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of 'Smart' Solutions.

The purpose of the Smart Cities Mission is to drive economic growth and improve the quality of life of people by enabling local area development and harnessing technology, especially technology that leads to Smart outcomes. The focus is on sustainable and inclusive development and the idea is to look at compact areas, create a replicable model which will act like a light house to other aspiring cities.

The Mission covers 100 cities in the Country.

As per the guidelines of the Mission, the U.T. of Puducherry has been allocated with development of 1 Smart City.

[Guidelines of Smart Cities Mission]

The process of selection of cities consists of two stages:

Stage 1: Short-listing of potential cities by the States / UTs as per the allocation and as per the criteria laid out in the guidelines. The States / UTs have to nominate the assigned number of cities and towns from each State / UTs on four broad criteria and a total of 13 sub-criteria. The State Level High Powered Steering Committee has to evaluate and approve the proposal and to submit to the Ministry of Urban Development.

Stage2: The potential 100 Smart Cities has to prepare the Smart City Proposal, which should contain the strategy of development, for participation in the City Challenge. The proposals will be put through Stage-2 of the competition based on an elaborate criteria and will be approved by the Apex Committee constituted by the Ministry of Urban Development.

Status of Smart Cities Mission in U.T. of Puducherry:

The Government of Puducherry has nominated Oulgaret Municipality as the Smart City in the U.T. of Puducherry.

The Ministry of Urban Development has announced "Oulgaret Municipality" as the Smart City in the U.T. of Puducherry. The selected city has to prepare a city level Smart City Plan which will be evaluated in the second stage of competition.

[View press release of Ministry of Urban Development regarding announcement of Smart Cities in India.]

Committees constituted under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM)

[1. High Powered Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry.]

[2. Inter-Departmental Task Force under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government (Town Planning) - cum - Mission Director (Smart Cities)]

Preparation of Smart City Proposal for Oulgaret Municipality under the Smart Cities Mission (SCM)

M/s. Mahindra consultant Engineers Limited, Chennai in association with SUEZ Environment consulting and Akara Research and Technologies Pvt. Limited, which is one of the empanelled Consultants of the Ministry of Urban Development has been appointed as the Consultant on 6.10.2015 for preparation of Smart City Proposal for the Oulgaret Municipality in Puducherry.

[Letter of Acceptance issued to the Consultant]

To post your suggestions for the Smart City-Oulgaret Puducherry, follow the links below:

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The Oulgaret Municipality, in order to capture the aspirations of the citizens proposed to conduct an Essay competition under the following 3 categories:

Sl. No	Category	Title
1	School Students of 10th to 12th Standard studying in Puducherry	My expectations from Oulgaret Smart City (Maximum 500 words)
2	All College Students studying in Puducherry	Towards Smart City – Importance of Behavioral changes of citizens of Puducherry (Maximum 1000 words)
3	General Public (Above 21 years) who are residents of Puducherry	My Vision: Top 3 Pan City Solutions required for Smart "Oulgaret". (Maximum – 1000 words)

The details of the Essay competition can be downloaded in the following link:

click to view the details of Essay competition for Smart Cities

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