

## **SMART CITY SHILLONG**

The Department of Urban Affairs, Govt. of Meghalaya has started preparation of its Smart City Proposal for Stage 2 of the Smart City challenge. Shillong had been selected as one of the 100 cities in Stage 1 of the challenge and will be competing to be in the list of top 20 cities selected in the first year of the challenge. Cities judged to have the best proposals will receive funding under the smart city program in the first year of the challenge while the remaining cities will have the chance to compete again next year.

The Department seeks active citizen consultation in the formulation of its smart city vision, mission and plan and would be inviting suggestions through social media, direct consultations and various forums shortly. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the process of achieving the vision of a smarter Shillong by sharing their views and aspirations from a Smart City. In the initial stage, an online survey would be floated to gauge the major issues and citizen suggestions towards a Smart Shillong. These would include opinions and comments on the current status of the city as well as suggestions on potential service improvements and citizen expectations. The Department is also considering competitions such as essay writing and other contests for Shillong Smart City with prizes to be given to the winning entries. Citizen inputs would be instrumental in creation of a smart city vision and plan for Shillong.

Further, multiple rounds of citizen engagement would be undertaken to focus on vision creation, co-creating solutions and finalization of city plans through various competitions, focus group discussions, discussions on citizen engagement platforms such as MyGov.in and direct consultations through public meetings, workshops, etc. Based on citizen inputs, the Department would devise area-based and pan-city initiatives to be incorporated in the smart city proposal. Specific solutions would be identified and citizen views would be sought in the second round of citizen engagement. Finally, citizen engagement would be held to gather feedback on the unique solutions identified towards making Shillong a smart city.

The Department has appointed DDF Consultants Pvt Ltd in association with MSN Infrastructure and Financial Consultant Ltd and SGI Studio Galli Ingegneria Pvt Ltd to assist in the formulation of its Smart City Proposal. The consortium is currently conducting a baseline survey of the city in consultation with various municipal departments. Winning the Smart City Challenge would provide a significant impetus to the next phase of city development and towards the goal of a Smart Shillong.

### **Citizen Connect**

Shillong is among the 100 cities shortlisted to participate in Smart City Challenge. The City administration requests all those who consider Shillong as their home and are interested in its development to join us in this journey to make Shillong a smart

city by providing us with their valuable suggestions on areas demanding improvement and potential solutions

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