



## **GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM JNNURM, MIZORAM VISIT PAMMAL MUNICIPALITY**

Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) conducted a **workshop on 'Challenges of Urbanisation'** with focus on Solid Waste Management and specific issues facing the eight North-eastern states including Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura, as part of its programme on Urbanisation supported by Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India in Guwahati on April 29 and 30, 2013. You may recall that the the Chariman of Pammal Municipality, Mr. C.V. Illangovan, BA.B.L., and the chairperson of Exnora Green Pammal, Ms. Mangalam Balasubramanian were invited by Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia to present and showcase the exemplary efforts carried out at Pammal in solid waste management highlighting the challenges and best practices during the capacity building programme to the delegates.

As a followup of the Urbanisation Programme, Indian Institute of Public Administration was entrusted with the responsibility of conducting capacity building programmes for the Government officials of Mizoram engaged in the urban sector under the JNNURM. This includes organizing exposure visits to states and ULBS which have taken some innovative/successful initiatives with main focus on infrastructure development in urban areas. Tamilnadu was selected for exposure visit on Sewage water treatment plant, Water treatment and Solid waste management at Pammal to provide focus on infrastructure planning, development and financing in the urban areas



Accordingly, around 15 Government officials in various capacities from the **Government of Mizoram visited Pammal municipality on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013**. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Sachin Chowdhry, Programme Coordinator, IIPA, New Delhi and Mr. Saravanakumar, Assistant Executive Engineer (JNNURM), The Commissionerate of Municipal Administration, Chennai. Exnora Green Pammal in partnership with the Pammal Municipality has been implementing the solid waste management programme with main focus areas of waste to



energy projects such as biogas and briquettes making projects and waste to wealth projects such as Vermicomposting, plastic recycling and upcycling projects. Earlier, the team was given a brief of the activities on solid waste management by Ms. Mangalam Balasubramanian, Managing Trustee, Exnora Green Pammal and then the team made visits to the community biogas plant at Shankar Nagar and the vermicomposting unit at Vishwesapuram, Pammal. Later the team met the Chairman, Pammal municipality in his office and shared their commendations on the series of environment protection activities carried out in Pammal both by Exnora Green Pammal and by the Pammal municipality.

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