

Interactive Stakeholders workshop for Evolving Rajkot Heat Stress Action Plan

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The final stakeholder workshop to evolve the Heat Stress Action Plan (HSAP) of Rajkot City was organized by **Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe)**, in collaboration with **Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC)** and **Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar (IIPH-G)** on **26th June, 2019 at Rajkot Municipal Corporation**. The objective of this workshop was to bring all the concerned city stakeholders on a common platform to have dialogue on the draft HSAP developed by IRADe and improvise it with stakeholder inputs.

The workshop was attended by **75 plus city/state level officials** including city **Municipal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners** and **Assistant Municipal Commissioners** and officials from various departments; Health, Water works, Parks and Garden, Town Planning, Urban Development, Smart City, Disease control, Fire control and likewise. This workshop was planned as a part of IDRC, Canada supported project **‘Climate Adaptive Action Plans to manage Heat Stress in Indian cities. Heat Wave Preparedness Actions Taken by RMC (2017-18), Need for a Climate Adaptive Heat Stress Action Plan, Heat waves in Rajkot -Historical trends and future projections, Introduction to Heat Action Plan – Frameworks, Components and Roles and Responsibilities of various Stakeholders, Heat Hot spots in Rajkot and heat wave vulnerability** were covered in the workshop.

The meeting was chaired by **Mr. Banchhanidhi Pani, Municipal Commissioner Rajkot**. The panelists and speakers in the workshop include **Dr. P. P. Rathod**, Medical Officer of Health (MOH), RMC, **Prof Ajit Tyagi**, Former Director General, IMD & Senior Advisor, IRADe and **Mr. Rohit Magotra**, Deputy Director, IRADe, **Dr. Jayanta Sarkar**, Scientist - F & Director, IMD, Gujarat, **Prof. Dileep Mavalankar**, Director, IIPH Gandhinagar.

Rajkot Municipal Corporation appreciated the work done by IRADe and its partners in evolving the draft heat stress action plan for city and said this workshop has been an important Initiative towards building the capacity of all the concerned city stakeholders in successful implementation of the Heat Stress Action Plan. The workshop concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. P. P. Rathod (MOH), RMC.



Figure 1 Participants of the stakeholder workshop