

MahaPreit and DA's Agreement for Sustainable Urban Development: Transforming Maharashtra's Built Environment



MoU signing between MahaPreit and DA

Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technologies Limited (MahaPreit) and Development Alternatives (DA) have made a significant stride towards sustainable urban development by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on October 30, 2023. This historic agreement, established during a special ceremony in Mumbai, marks a pivotal moment signifying a commitment to a greener and more resilient future for Mumbai City.

The MoU symbolises a collaborative effort between MahaPreit and DA, underlining their joint dedication to addressing pressing environmental challenges while fostering economic growth and social well-being in their respective regions. It aligns with Development Alternatives' initiative, "Transforming the Built Environment through Sustainable Materials in the Global South," aimed at identifying gaps in the building and construction sector's value chain and facilitating a transition to low-carbon pathways in targeted countries across South Asia and West Africa.

Supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) and administered by UNEP, this initiative led by Development Alternatives focuses on providing technical support and implementing sustainable practices in Odisha and Maharashtra from 2022 to 2025, with a specific emphasis on affordable housing.

Maharashtra, known for its strides in sustainable and affordable housing, has been selected as a key geography for project implementation. The region's focus on green construction materials, such as fly ash bricks, and its commitment to green buildings and climate goals make it an ideal target for sustainable development initiatives.

The initiative seeks to collaborate with MahaPreit to strengthen policy frameworks, develop low-carbon pathways for affordable housing, establish cost-effective tools for sustainable building materials, implement pilot projects, and disseminate crucial information to drive the adoption of responsible sourcing and circularity practices in the construction sector.

Development Alternatives is committed to implementing these activities in alignment with stakeholders, demonstrating the capacity needed for executing sustainable building materials and

construction technologies. The overarching goal is to offer integrated solutions that benefit the environment and citizens alike.

As part of this commitment, Development Alternatives has extended an invitation to MahaPreit for a project initiation meeting in early August 2023. This meeting aims to align efforts and facilitate a deeper understanding between both parties towards the common goal of advancing sustainable urban development in Maharashtra.

In conclusion, the collaboration between MahaPreit and Development Alternatives stands as a testament to their shared commitment towards sustainable urban development. Through this partnership, they aspire to create a blueprint for a greener, more resilient built environment in Maharashtra, setting an example for other regions to follow.

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