

PUDA app to keep tabs on illegal colonies

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In a first-of-its-kind initiative to check unauthorised colonies and constructions in the state, the Housing and Urban Development Department today launched an app, PUDA-UCIC (Unauthorised constructions, illegal colonies), here.

After launching the app, Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary, said the app would play a crucial role in checking the practice across the state. "This initiative to monitor illegal constructions is first of its kind. The officers of the department in various development authorities would

install the app in their mobile phones. On noticing any unauthorised construction in their areas, the field staff would click the pictures and upload these through the app. As the app is satellite and geo-tagging-based, it would immediately provide the details of the location, such as the khasra number. This would help the officials in taking quick action to stop the ongoing illegal construction on the land," said Mahajan.

Mahajan added that the app would not only help in keeping a track of unauthorised constructions and development of illegal colonies but it would also enable the field staff to



Additional Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan (2L) with other officers during the launch of an app in Mohall on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

mark their attendance while at the site.

"Though the department has already introduced the biometric attendance in all its offices, the app will facilitate the field staff particularly as they will no more be

required to visit the office building specially to mark their attendance. The email identities and mobile numbers of the employees will be uploaded on the app and they will be provided a login," said Mahajan.

How will it work

- Housing and Urban Development Department officers in various development authorities will install the app on their mobile phones
- On noticing any unauthorised construction in their areas, the field staff will click the pictures and upload these through the application
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PUDA comes up with app to check on illegal constructions, colonies

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TO CHECK on mushrooming of unauthorised colonies and illegal constructions in the state, department of Housing and Urban Development has developed a mobile based application.

PUDA-UCIC

(Unauthorized Constructions Illegal Colonies). The app was launched Thursday by Vini Mahajan, Additional Chief Secretary of the department.

Mahajan, while giving the details, said that the initiative of the department to monitor illegal constructions is a first of its kind.

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She said that it will help officials take quick action to stop the ongoing illegal constructions on the land.

Besides, details pertaining to the location, longitude, latitude, real time and date will also be recorded.

The concerned officer will then upload his remarks in the app and the information will be immediately sent to the district

town planner and the chief administrator of the concerned development authority.

"The app would act as a major boon for the department to curb the unauthorised constructions creeping across the state," she said.

The app would also enable the field staff to mark their attendance, while they are at site. Though the department has already introduced the biometric attendance in all its offices, the app would facilitate the field staff particularly as they would no more be required to visit the office building, especially to mark their attendance.

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App to check illegal constructions in Punjab

MOHALI: Punjab department of housing and urban development has developed an app 'PUDA-UCIC' (Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority)-(Unauthorised Constructions Illegal Colonies) to check the rise of unauthorised colonies and constructions in the state.

Housing and urban development additional chief secretary IAS Vini Mahajan launched the

app here on Thursday. The app is available on Play Store (Android) and will be available on App Store (IOS) soon. Ludhiana based IT company Websoft Solutions Pvt Ltd has developed the app on CRAMAT platform.

Mahajan said, "The department officers in various development authorities will have to install the app in their smart

phones. The field staff will click the pictures on noticing any unauthorised construction in their area and will upload them through app. The app is satellite and geo tagging based to provide unique details of the location such as khasra number and land use which will help the officials to take quick action of stopping the ongoing illegal construction."

The details pertaining to the location viz longitude, latitude, real time and date will also be recorded. The concerned officer will upload his remarks in the app and information will be immediately sent to the district town planner and chief administrator in an e-mail.

The app will also enable field staff to mark their attendance while they are at site. **HTC**