Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, conducted an “Interactive session on the Global Housing Technology Challenge (GHTC) – India” with the Heads of Diplomatic Missions in India, as well as major international agencies on the 21st January 2019 at New Delhi. During this global outreach session, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA, briefed the gathering about the details of GHTC - India and articulated the various business opportunities it offered to innovative construction technology providers of other countries across the world. Shri Hardeep S Puri, Hon’ble Minister of State (I/C) MoHUA, delivered the keynote address wherein he reiterated the immense potential of GHTC -India and the
opportunity that the Indian market offers to international agencies. He further extended an invitation to participate in the challenge to global technology providers through their Diplomatic Missions. Over 100 participants attended the event from various International Organisations, Diplomatic Missions and senior officials from other Ministries.

Central Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee (CSMC) Meeting

The 42nd meeting of Central Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee (CSMC) was held on 30th January 2019 which was chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. CSMC considered and accepted projects from 10 States under AHP and BLC verticals of PMAY (U). It involved projects for construction of 3,77,966 houses with a total investment of Rs18,402.13 crores which includes Central Assistance of Rs 5669.49 crores. The States that participated in the CSMC meeting were Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Uttrakhand.
9th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit was held on 18 - 20 January 2019. The summit was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on Friday, 18th January 2019. Heads of five countries and over 20,000 national and international delegates attended this summit. Exhibition of various schemes of Central Government including PMAY (U), Smart Cities Mission, AMRUT, SBM Make in India, Digital India, Startup India, etc were other highlights. Hon'ble Prime Minister, visited the exhibitions and wished all a productive, fruitful and enjoyable summit.

15th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) was held in Varanasi, the cultural and spiritual capital of India, on 21st January 2019. The theme for PBD 2019 was “Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India”. It was three days event from 21st to 23rd January and the city witnessed seminal talks by experts and luminaries in their fields, cultural programmes, and various exhibitions of Central Government schemes. PMAY (U) and other missions of MoHUA also exhibited its pan India picture of progress and transforming urban landscapes.