

**Visit to Norway by minister of Rural Development and  
Panchayati Raj Dr. C. P. Joshi**  
September the 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Program**

**Monday September the 13th**

Meetings in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

1000-1030 **Presentation of the two delegations.** Minister Dr. C. P. Joshi is wished welcome to Norway by the Minister of Local Government and Regional Development Liv Signe Navarsete

**1030-1215 Local democracy in Norway.**

Different topics on local governance.

- The Local government system in Norway. A General introduction
- Financing the local government
- The elected local politician and “descriptive representation” – a gender perspective  
Showcase for woman in local politics
- The citizens participation in elections and between the elections

1415-1515 **Visit the Anti-discrimination Ombud.** About the ombud and its functions

**Tuesday September the 14<sup>th</sup>**

**1100-1330 Visit the municipality of Sigdal**

The mayor Kari K. Ask in the municipality of Sigdal gives a general introduction, and a presentation of its tasks and how the municipality is governed.

Meeting the mayor and other politicians in the council of Sigdal, participants in the project Women in politics.

Visit a primary school and primary healthcare institution.

Lunch at the Museum in Sigdal. Music by the Folk-music-center.

Visit to Lauvlia the home of the Norwegian painter Th. Kittelsen (1857-1914)

**Wednesday September the 15<sup>th</sup>**

0930-1030 Minister C.P. Joshi visits the Parliamentary Ombudsman. About the ombud and its function by the Parliamentary Ombudsman Arne Fliflet

1100 - 1140 **Meeting in the Joint Forum on the cooperation between the ministries on local governance matters.**

1140 – 1155 **Signing the memorandum of understanding**

1155 – 1300 **Lunch** hosted by Minister C.P. Joshi

1415-1600 Visit the **Norwegian Institute of Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)**.  
Host: Director General Hilde Lorentzen.