

City in Focus

## Kanpur

The overall objective of the project is to promulgate river sensitive development in Indian cities, especially those in the Ganga river basin. The project targets three unique (but interrelated) elements of river management within the urban context. The first is related to mainstreaming sustainable river health management into a city's larger long-term vision. The second is associated with developing a dedicated river-specific management plan for one city (Kanpur). The third is to build capacities of multiple levels of stakeholders on aspects relating to the first two elements, as well as other pertinent matters related to river health management. Sensitization of various stakeholders is an integral part of the project. Kanpur will be the first city of India to demonstrate the Urban River Management Plan (URMP) preparation. Projects recommended within the plan will be synergized with the national/state missions implemented in the city.

### Project: Addressing the Urban Drivers of River Health in the Ganga River Basin

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There are about 80 water bodies of different sizes (1Ha to 15 Ha) in Kanpur city. City's ground water table is declining at alarming rate (40-60mm/year). Up to 10 Urban flooding incidences are reported in SLB data. Action plan for revival of two water bodies is recommended in river management plan prepared for the city. This will play an important role in addressing the two aforementioned issues.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Launch of Policy Brief on Gender Responsive Budgeting

ClimateSmart Cities alliance partner ICLEI after several deliberations with experts and practitioners in the field, is ready to launch the policy brief titled, 'Supporting Climate Action through Gender-Responsive Budgeting in Nepal.'

In this regard, a webinar will be held on the **26th of March, 2021 from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (IST)**. The agenda can be accessed [here](#).

[Register](#)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Introductory call for South & West Asia Region : C40 Strategic Recommendations for Transport & Urban Planning Policies

We are pleased to invite you to a virtual call organized by C40 Cities in collaboration with Smart Cities Mission and Climate Centre for Cities on Thursday 25 March 4pm (IST) that will focus on key policies and actions that cities can take to reduce emissions from the transport sector and the benefits that those bring to the life of citizens.

[Register](#)

### EVENT

#### India Smart Utility Week (ISUW 2021)

Dr. Umamaheshwaran Rajasekar, Chair, Urban Resilience Unit & Head of (C-Cube), National Institute of Urban Affairs was one of the speakers for the Session on 'Disaster (and Pandemic) Resilient Utilities and Cities' organized by India Smart Grid Forum, a PPP initiative of Government of India in partnership with the National Institute of Urban Affairs at the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of India Smart Utility Week (ISUW 2021).

### Testimonials

Cities have established profound coordination with multiple stakeholders during the CSCAF 2.0 assessment for various thematic areas and have become aware of the critical importance of documentation and have shown interest to work against the integral challenges of climate change.

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