

BASIIC Organises Workshop on Mainstreaming Disability Inclusion



Secretary, MoHUA Shri Durga Shanker Mishra (center) during the workshop at India Habitat Center

Building Accessible, Safe and Inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIC) programme at NIUA organised a workshop—**Mainstreaming Disability Inclusion to Transform Urban Futures**—on 2 December. The purpose of the workshop was to identify and deliberate on the mechanisms to resolve barriers to the implementation and integration of inclusion in urban development. The *Harmonised Guidelines for Universal Accessibility in India* was also unveiled in the workshop. For further details on the event, click [here](#).



"The Guidelines will be a crucial tool to make Bharat 'Sugamya' & create an ecosystem for one & all to do their best under all circumstance"

Shri Durga Shanker Mishra
Secretary, MoHUA



NIUA Publications

6th Issue of NIUA-eGov Special Series on SDG 11 Released

The sixth issue of NIUA-eGov special series on SDG 11-Sustainable Cities and Communities, was released on 2 December.



Director, NIUA Hitesh Vaidya (center) during the release of magazine at NIUA

NIUA has collaborated with the eGov magazine to bring out this series to help create a knowledge sharing ecosphere related to SDGs, with academia and research institutions, industry partners and governments. To read this issue focused on SDG 11.6—reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, by paying attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management click [here](#).

Opportunities@NIUA

SCBP Invites Proposals to Develop E-learning Content in the area of Urban Sanitation

The Sanitation Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) at NIUA invites proposals from eligible, reputed, qualified Companies/Societies/Trusts to design and develop e-learning content in the area of urban sanitation. To download the application, click [here](#).

New Partnerships

NIUA Extends Collaboration with IIT-Kharagpur

NIUA signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur on 6 December. The purpose of the collaboration is to promote cross learning of knowledge and sharing of experiences to improve the lives of city-dwellers, and addressing urban issues like climate resilience and inclusion.



(From left to right) Advisor, NIUA Ajay Suri; Prof. Haimanti Banerjee, IIT-K; Director, NIUA Hitesh Vaidya; Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay, IIT-K; Utsav Chaudhary and Kanika Bansal, NIUA, after the signing of the MoU

Projects Update

NIUA Organises Consultation on Fiscal Empowerment of City Governments

NIUA in collaboration with Praja Foundation has prepared a report—**Fiscal Empowerment of City Governments: Challenges in Data Availability and Key Financial Indicators**. The report includes an assessment of municipal budgets of 14 cities—Ahmedabad, Surat, Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Bhopal, Indore, Mumbai, Pune, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Chennai, and Coimbatore—comprising of 4 themes, 13 sub-themes, and 42 indicators. In this regard, a consultation meeting was held on 3 December to discuss the findings from the report and build the necessary reform agenda. The study is being led by Prof. Debolina Kundu.



Secretary, MoHUA Shri Durga Shanker Mishra (second from right) addressing the gathering during the consultation

