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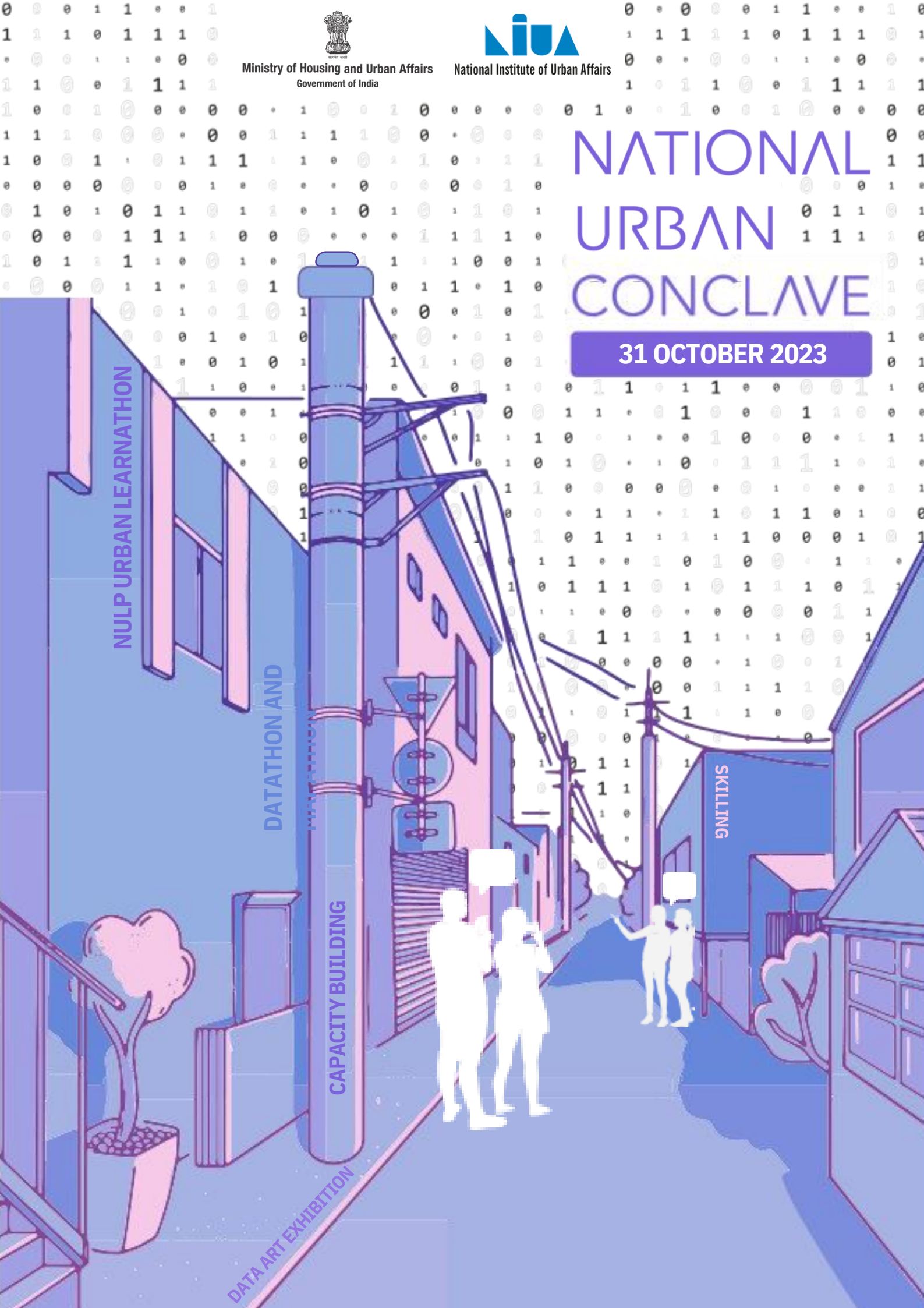
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DATATHON AND

CAPACITY BUILDING

SKILLING

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Empowering Progress: The Synergy between Data and Capacity Building

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Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

The New Urban Reality

Picture a city, pulsating with life, brimming with complexity and constant change. This is the world we live in today: dynamic, urban landscapes shaped by shifting population patterns, economic development, and environmental challenges. To navigate this urban maze, we need a compass, a guide that leverages the potential of data-driven decision-making while encapsulating the power of both data and capacity building. From demographics to infrastructure, from social behaviour to environmental conditions, urban data and capacity building holds the key to understanding our cities better and making them sustainable and resilient.

The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is set to organise a remarkable event - the 'National Urban Conclave'. This event is a collaborative effort of the Urban Outcomes Framework (UOF) and the National Urban Learning Platform (NULP). This one-day extravaganza aspires to convene a diverse spectrum of urban practitioners, government gurus, academic stalwarts, tech trailblazers, and passionate civil society members, amongst others to spark conversations, forge partnerships, and inspire solutions via ideas and innovation to transform the current 'urban' space into a more sustainable, resilient and inclusive one. This conclave brings in the narrative of capacity building and the importance of leveraging data and technology.

About the Conclave

The Conclave slated for **October 31, 2023, on World Cities Day**, will mark the culmination of UN Habitat's Urban October. As we have arrived at the midpoint to achieve SDGs, accelerated actions through data-driven insights and AI hold the promise of increasing the pace of progress towards a more sustainable and equitable world. Data plays a pivotal role in fostering capacity building and, in turn, capacity building enhances the utilisation and management of data.

Through this conclave, we are not only emphasising on how data-driven approach empowers individuals and teams by providing them with the knowledge and tools needed to address challenges, but also, how capacity building initiatives, such as training programs and skill development, become more data-centric and enable individuals to harness the power of data for continuous improvement and innovation.

In this symbiotic relationship, data-driven capacity building cultivates a culture of learning and adaptability, while enhanced capacity equips organisations with the competence to leverage data-driven insights for growth and efficiency.



Events planned under the Conclave:

Data Doodle and Tech Exhibition

The event promises an enticing 'AI Art Exhibition', spotlighting urban art and community-crafted data visualizations, through an AI-powered compelling narrative of its genesis. While the tech exhibition will unveil cutting-edge products integral to the collection, analysis, and usage of urban data.

Urban Nexus Dialogues

These sessions will cover several topics critical to data and capacity-building ecosystem, including:

- Building Sustainable Data Ecosystems, covering vital aspects of Data Privacy & Security and Data Exchange.
- Engaging dialogues with industry leaders, academicians, policymakers, and professionals on leveraging startups, geospatial insights, capacity building, data repositories and inclusive prosperity.
- Interactive city case studies demonstrating the data-driven solutions implemented for urban service delivery.
- Ingenious breakout sessions on the future of urban analytics and digital capacity building initiatives.

Community Mingle

Brimming with community collaboration, the conclave is set to spotlight:

- **Mapathon:** An initiative that calls upon participants to contribute geospatial data, fostering an environment of shared knowledge and collective growth on Urban Utilities and Mobility
- **Datathon:** A competition based on given problem statements under identified themes of Environment, Economics, WASH and Gender.
- **Learnathon:** A 60-day nation wide challenge to recognize and celebrate the best practices and innovations in the form of implemented urban solutions across diverse domains, and foster peer-to-peer learning.

Initiating NULP 3.0

NULP is an on-demand skilling tool to build India's largest digital learning community of Urban practitioners, promoting a culture of effective collaborative learning, skills enhancement and knowledge co-creation.

As a part of its Scale-up and Sustainability (S&S) phase, NULP is launching NULP 3.0 with a robust platform and additional features to enhance the user experience. NULP is a dynamic platform that responds to the needs and demands of the users. NULP 3.0 offers several features such as Discussion Forums, Monitoring Dashboard, and Voting Tool to name a few; and additional learning journeys along with essential programs.



Culmination of NULP Urban Learnathon

The 'Urban Learnathon' was launched on 13th March by the hon'ble minister Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri. The 60 day national challenge aimed to collect, share and consume best practices / urban solutions created by our city champions- people working day in and day out to make cities function better. With this 'Learnathon', the NULP user base has increased five-fold, resulting in 106420 users and 264 urban solutions from the community.

The evaluation process was based on the NULP's principle of "share, consume and mentor." This means that solutions were created and shared on NULP by the municipal community itself and the top-most solutions were identified based on the public voting.

To recognize the efforts of these cities and state officials like sanitary inspectors, executive engineers, accountants and other departments, by MoHUA and NIUA leadership is extremely necessary.

From a total of 264 solutions submitted, 51 top solutions were identified by a panel of experts from within NIUA. These 51 solutions were qualified for the phase of public voting.

The winning solutions are as follows:

State/ Parastatal Bodies	Winner UADD, Uttarakhand [53017 votes] Plastic Waste Management in Kedarnath, Uttarakhand	Runner Up UADD, Uttarakhand [49288 votes] Formulation of Baini Sena for various urban sanitation solutions in Haldwani, Uttarakhand
Smart City SPVs	Winner Sagar Smart City [319 & 318 votes] 1. Redevelopment of Three Parks 2. Working Women Hostel	Runner Up New Town Smart City [121 votes] Integrated Command Control Centre
Other Cities	Winner Anupgarh Municipal Corporation [10961 votes] 1. Redevelopment of Three Parks 2. Working Women Hostel	Runner Up New Town Smart City [121 votes] Integrated Command Control Centre
UTs	Winner Chandigarh [67 votes] Powered by Solar Energy	Runner Up Silvassa [50 votes] Silvassa's Cycle 2 Work Campaign

Your Invitation to Shape Urban Futures

Do you believe in the power of data to transform our cities? If so, we want you on board! The NUC is your opportunity to contribute and gain insights into the latest urban data and digital capacity building initiatives, and network with the best minds in the field. It is not just an event, but a call to action for all stakeholders to join forces, share their knowledge, and help shape the future of urban India. Together, let's harness the power of data and capacity building to create more sustainable, inclusive, and vibrant cities. Join us in this exciting journey, and let's transform urban futures with data!

