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CONTRIBUTION OF NIUA PROJECTS TOWARDS SDGs

NIUA's Projects Covering Goal 14



(1)Master Plan Delhi – 2041

> Developing a guiding framework for sustainable and inclusive development of Delhi

India Smart Cities Fellowship Program

Mentoring young professionals to lead urban

(3) CapaCITIES

Capacity building for mitigation and adaptation measures against climate change

Climate Smart Cities

Future proofing Indian cities against climate

Climate Smart Cities Assessment

A framework to assess current climate change situation in cities

Addressing the Urban Drivers of River Health in the Ganga River Basin

> Effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of the River Ganga

Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot

Integrating sustainability strategies into urban planning and management performance

(8) Sanitation Capacity Building Platform

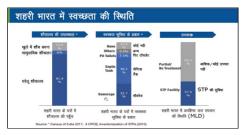
Building the capacity of cities to plan and implement decentralised sanitation solutions

(For Goals 1 to 13 please see back issues; Goal 15 to follow in next issue)

SCBP conducted Training on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management

The Sanitation Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) team at NIUA in collaboration with the Uttarakhand Academy of Administration, Nainital, and Ecosan Service Foundation, Pune conducted 1 face to face and 6 online training programmes, Faecal Sludge and Septage Management in the month of April. The purpose of the trainings was to orient the city officials on addressing the complete sanitation service chain in planning for Swachch Bharat Mission-2.0, and Jal Jeevan Mission-Urban. 234

participants including Urban Local Bodies, Pey Jal Nigam, and Jal Sansthan from Uttarakhand attended the training programme. For more information on SCBP programme, here.



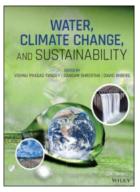
Hope, Resilience, and Inspiration: NIUA during COVID **Pandemic**

It has been a little more than a year since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic. While the past year was extremely challenging, this year the second wave has brought in unprecedented adversity to the nation. NIUA hasn't remained untouched. Several of the team took ill with the virus, and some of us have tragically lost family members and friends. NIUA deeply condoles their loss. In this testing time, our operations have been affected. Our offices are closed and we are all working from home, trying to maintain the momentum as best as possible. We have set up NIUA COVID Support Group comprising volunteers from the staff who provide support to affected colleagues for arranging medical advice, medication, hospitalisation and counselling. They have also secured access to a oxygen concentrator to be shared among the staff should there be a need. I hope the situation soon becomes better and we are able to plan our cities that are more sustainable and resilient.

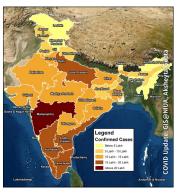
- Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA

NIUA Experts highlight the Role of Statistical Techniques in **Managing Water Infrastructure**

A chapter by NIUA experts, entitled **Resilient Water Infrastructure for Poverty** Reduction: Cases from Asia and the Middle East was published in the book Water, Climate Change and Sustainability. The authors Victor Shinde, and Lovlesh Sharma from the project-team Addressing the Urban Drivers of River Health in the Ganga River Basin (Ministry of Jal Shakti) highlighted the vital role of water infrastructure in reducing poverty, and achieving SDG-1 using statistical analyses and on-the-ground case studies. For further information on the book, click here.



COVID Cases in India by State as on 5 May



Job Openings

ToR for Subject Matter **Experts:**

- **Energy Efficient Water** Supply System
- Fossil Fuel Consumption in Cities
- Water Resource Management and Non-Revenue Water
- Clean Air Action Planning

Last date to apply: 9 May

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