

## Launch of the Historic River Cities Alliance



Member cities of the River Cities Alliance



Representatives of the RCA signing the declaration, symbolizing their formal entry in the Alliance

25 November 2021 marked the launch of the **River Cities Alliance (RCA)**, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the world. Established by NIUA and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), the Alliance is meant to serve as platform for *river cities* in India to ideate, discuss, exchange, and co-create solutions for sustainable urban river management.

To begin with, 30 cities from 11 States have been included in the RCA. These include Ayodhya, Aurangabad, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Bijnor, Berhampore, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Dehradun, Rishikesh, Haridwar, Srinagar, Munger, Hooghly-Chinsurah, Patna, Howrah, Maheshtala, Jangipur, Rajmahal, Farrukhabad, Sahibganj, Kanpur, Mathura-Vrindavan, Prayagraj, Mirzapur, Pune, Varanasi, Vijayawada, and Udaipur. More cities will be added as the Alliance evolves.

The Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, presided over the launch ceremony along with Secretary-MoHUA, Secretary-Jal Shakti, Director General-NMCG, and Director-NIUA. The Commissioners/Executive Officers and senior officials from the members cities were also present for the ceremony that was organised in New Delhi. NIUA and NMCG will serve as the Secretariat for the RCA initially until the Alliance evolves to become a fully city-led movement. To read in detail about the event, click [here](#).

## Projects Update

### NIUA Concludes the Historic Urban Landscape Webinar Series

A four-part webinar series—**Recommendations on Historic Urban Landscape: Opportunities, Challenges and the Way Forward**—concluded on 18 November. The series brought together experts from around the world to showcase examples of, and deliberate on the way forward to implement the historic urban landscape approach in cities. The deliberations focused on planning mechanisms, financial incentives, community engagement, and more direct involvement of local authorities in heritage management. For more information on the event, click [here](#).



## NIUA Publications

### NIUA Publishes the First Volume of Special Issue on Hindi Pakhwada

The *Hindi Pakhwada* special issue for the year 2021 has been published by NIUA.. The editorial team— Poonam Malhotra, Mohd. Shakib, Sangeeta Vij, and Bhavnesha Bhanot—produced the issue under the guidance of NIUA's Hindi Officer Naveen Mathur. To download the complete issue, click [here](#)



## Opportunities@NIUA

### NIUA Invites Applications for Empanelment of Implementation Partners

NIUA invites applications for *Empanelment of Implementation Partners* under the National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM). The partners will be eligible for implementation of the National Urban Governance Platform (NUGP) & Reference Municipal Service Applications at States/UTs under the aegis of MoHUA. For more details, click [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Workshop on Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis

NIUA in collaboration with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will be conducting a three-days training on Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis for water sector from 8-10 December. For more information on the training, click [here](#).

**Hands-on training on CLIMATE RISK INFORMED DECISION ANALYSIS (CRIDA) for the water sector**

The workshop will introduce the best practices and demonstrate the application of CRIDA in an urban city. The workshop will include a presentation on the concept of climate risk, the role of water management in the context of climate change, the role of CRIDA in the context of climate change, and the role of CRIDA in the context of climate change.

**DATE: 08TH DECEMBER 2021**  
**09:00 AM TO 05:00 PM**

**VENUE: VERTU ROOM, NIUA, NEW DELHI**

**TO APPLY:** Your application should include your CV and a letter of interest explaining how the course will benefit you. The application should be submitted to [director@niua.org](#) by 07th December 2021.

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