

NIIA'S CAMPAIGN: URBAN FUTURE POST COVID-19

CALL FOR IDEAS VOICES OF YOUTH

Collating experiences and creative ideas of Indian youth during this global crisis



Share your innovative ideas & experience with us through spoken word, writings, images, drawings and videos.



Young people are being intensely impacted by mass shutdown of schools and colleges in the country, orders to stay at home and the fear of contracting the virus during this global lockdown. It is imperative that we understand how they are coping and connecting, and empower them to come forth to create a more robust, caring and connected society as we emerge into the changed world.

As we eventually emerge from the crisis, we want to learn from Indian youth:
 How will cities change post pandemic?
 How can urban planners, architects, designers contribute going forward?
 Can we redefine a post-pandemic resilient and happy city?
 How do you think urban sector evolve in the near future?

Share entries by 15May 2020

<https://smartnet.niua.org/voices-of-youth>

For more information write to niua@niua.org

Call for Ideas Campaign

With an aim to :

- Validate the experiences during this global crisis
- Provide a platform for active engagement
- Listen to creative solutions for coping and connecting
- Create a more robust, caring, and connected society

Focusing ideas on:

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CALL FOR IDEAS: Urban Futures post COVID-19 URBAN RECOVERY RESPONSE

Way forward for Indian Cities towards the new 'normal'



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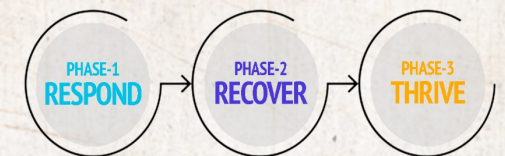
POST LOCKDOWN RE-EMERGENCE STRATEGIES

HOW CAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS & URBAN PROFESSIONALS SUPPORT ULBs IN FINDING COPING MECHANISMS & INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS?

In a fast-moving global crisis, when information swarms from every direction, citizens look up to their Governments for information, guidance, and leadership. They expect to be kept safe and healthy. This puts an enormous responsibility on Government bodies, public officials and administrators.

As we eventually emerge from the crisis:

- How can they hope to gain clarity amid chaos?
- How can they move from ad-hoc solutions to a well-planned path to recovery?
- How can they take meticulous decisions to provide a safer and healthier life for citizens?
- How can they ensure a more resilient, effective responses in the future?



Focus Areas to address the **New Normal**

Leverage Technology

How are Smart City Technologies being used during the pandemic and what are the implications afterwards?

Vulnerable Populations

How are government's reaching vulnerable populations? How are cities coordinating with NGOs/CBOs and the private sector to address the gaps in government outreach to communities and services?

Communication

How are city governments communicating with residents and others during the pandemic?

Planning for Recovery

How are cities approaching recovery from the Covid-19 crises and are what are the opportunities for building-back better?

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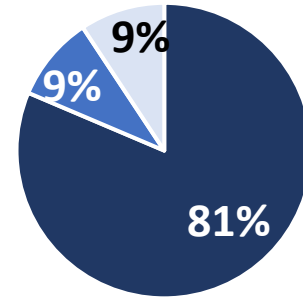
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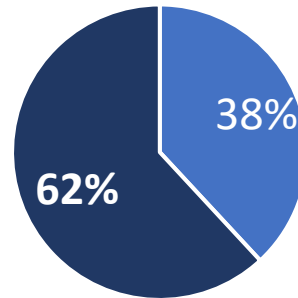
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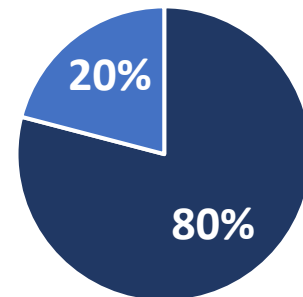
■ Individuals ■ Groups ■ Organisations



■ Students ■ Working Professionals



■ Suggestions ■ Innovative Ideas



Suggestive Urban Governance Strategies

1. Planning Concepts and Regulations to be re – Visited and formulate Dynamic policies to promote Urban Development
2. Multifunctional Zoning to be promoted instead of Single Use Zoning
3. Revamping of Urban Local Bodies – Review of 74th CAA to make ULBs more functional, powerful and efficient
4. Planning parameters / Architectural and Building regulations be revised to maintain Social distancing in all public buildings

Maximum Suggestions Received under:

27
Entries

Urban
Governance



Other Suggestions Received under:

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Urban Mobility

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Spatial Planning

3

Urban Design

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Disaster Management

2

Informal Sector

1

Technology Solution

Highlights of Key Ideas

"Funds should go to government healthcare to provide a sanitary, widely available and if not free then minimal charge medical service at hospitals with free medication"

_Student, Class 11th

Government should focus on finding an appropriate way to control the inflation that will come because of corona.

_Anonymous

"Noticing the improvement in the rivers, air quality during the lockdown phase, we should focus on the environmental impacts"

_Student, Class 12th

"Investment in better sanitation disposal systems in the near future"

_Student, Class 10th

"In the lockdown we found out there are quite a few things that can be done from home so no need for everyone to go to the offices"

_Student, 1st Year Arts College

"Increase in salary and benefits for people undertaking essential services during the lockdown period and otherwise."

_Student, 3rd Year Engineering College

"Turn to alternative source like solar energy for road lamps"

_Anonymous

Defining the **New Normal** post Covid-19

Topics and concerns highlighted through the entries:

Governance & Leadership

- Transforming war room into strategy room
- Social and economic reforms

Resilient and inclusive planning

- Participative neighbourhood planning
- Investment in public healthcare and wellbeing

Climate action

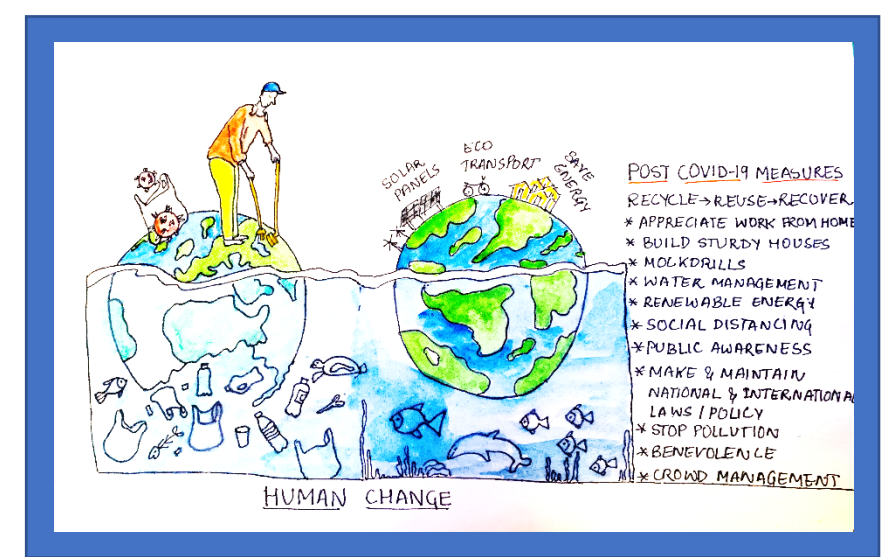
- Infrastructure for disaster management
- Focus on environment and urban ecology

Mobility

- Sustainable and eco-friendly mobility
- Invest in electric vehicles

Smart Technology and Innovation

- Technology driven solutions



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AVAILABILITY -
Check the availability to go for shopping. Each local shops should be made mandatory to allow only 10 people at given time. Pre book slots should be made to restrict large gathering at any shop.

ALERTNESS -
The Govt. must effectively target all lower class people who are involved in various activities of middle/upper class houses and make them alert about the necessary precautions they need to take to be safe. Use of easy language, images or symbols by the local level panchats or religious heads can play a major role.

ALTERNATIVE -
Students from classes 5 - 9th can be called alternatively to the school, reducing the proximity of people by half in the insitute.

ALIGN -
Each shops should be advised to draw and paint marking spots and align them such that proper distance is maintained between two customers. Street food vendors should also follow this rule.

ASSURANCE - TRUST
After the lockdown when e-commerce and other delivery service kicks off in full swing it is important to assure people about the delivery boys. Companies would have to put efforts by providing daily updates about how delivery boys are doing? How healthy are they, and shouldn't show up to work if any symp.

AWARENESS-
The most powerful way to communicate is to paint the street walls, boundaries in the city with catchy slogans and images - this will constantly remind people to take precautions.

ACCEPTANCE -
Most importantly accept the facts and guidelines issued by the government of India and strictly follow those rules. Avoid all the myths and fake messages generated to create chaos.

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Public Healthcare Utilities & Wellbeing

- Upgrade healthcare facilities
- Regulate and promote local production of supplies with quality controls.
- Regularly monitoring the environmental cleanliness
- Assess and mitigate potential physical access barriers for vulnerable groups of people



Infrastructure & Environment

- Invest in public transport.
- Strengthening policies that encourage more circular and efficient use of materials.
- Protect hotspot zones to restrict traffic and public flow.
- Designing quality spaces for pedestrians.
- Urban land use management processes



Governance & Leadership

- Ensure clarity in roles, relationships and coordination mechanisms for governance.
- Promote campaign activities/awareness programs to build resilience.
- Revive governance structure communities, Urban Local Bodies(ULBs) and local self-government (Panchayats)



Smart Technology Innovation

- Develop Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) related infrastructure.
- Develop Digital Solutions.
- Encourage a Web-based Information Platform, where cities and local governments
- Development of Disaster Management Systems

Thank You
Stay Safe and Stay Healthy