

NIUA Organises Workshop on Localising Sustainable Development Goals in Cities



Prof. Debolina Kundu addressing the participants in the workshop



Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya welcoming the participants in the workshop



Indore Smart City CEO, Rishav Gupta making presentation during the workshop



Chief Additional Secretary, Govt. of Assam, Maninder Singh (second from left) with the participants in the workshop

The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in partnership with GIZ has developed a compendium titled *Good Practices and Innovative Approaches in Localising Sustainable Development Goals*. It presents 11 good practices from India, Germany and a few Asian countries that have showed results and impact. In this regard, a national level workshop was organised by GIZ on 8 December. The workshop included officials from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, State Governments of Assam and Tamil Nadu, and urban local bodies of Indore, Bhopal, and Puri. The officials shared their experiences showcasing the good practices and innovative developments during the project conceptualisation and implementation stages. The project is led by Prof. Debolina Kundu from NIUA.

Projects Update

NIUA Organises Workshop on Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis

NIUA and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) jointly organised a 3-day workshop on Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis (CRIDA) for the water sector from 8 to 10 December. CRIDA is a unique bottom-up decision support tool that helps inform choices about climate change adaptation interventions under deep uncertainty. Twenty-five participants from government agencies, development organisations, research institutes, and academia participated in the workshop. All participants were awarded certificates of completion jointly issued by NIUA and USACE. The workshop was led by Dr. Victor Shinde, Lead-Water and Environment, NIUA.



Dr. Victor Shinde addressing the participants during the workshop

Chennai Smart City Limited (CSCL) is Revamping Selected Corporation Schools under the CITIIS Programme

Under the CITIIS programme managed by NIUA, the Chennai Smart City Limited is revamping 28 Greater Chennai Corporation schools with infrastructure upgradation and ICT training of 2000 teachers. CITIIS is supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the European Union (EU). To read more, click [here](#).



Municipal Commissioner Chennai, Gagandeep Singh Bedi during the visit in the CITIIS school

NIUA Publications

Water and Environment Team on Groundwater Resources Management for Indian Cities

Victor R. Shinde and Lovlesh Sharma from the Water and Environment Team authored a paper entitled *Conservation, Protection, and Management of Groundwater through City Master Plans: A Case of Indian Cities*.

Lovlesh Sharma presented the paper at the 17th World Water Congress on 2 December in Daegu, South Korea at a special session organised by UNESCO and the International Water Resources Association (IWRA). To read the complete paper, click [here](#).



Lovlesh Sharma presenting the paper during the conference

NIUA Experts Speak

Indian Cities Need to Function as Economically Self-Sustaining Units: Director, NIUA

In an article published in *Economic Times*, Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya highlighted that cities need to take up a more proactive role through planning, and focusing upon strengthening own-source revenues, alternative financing options, and reduce expenditures to move towards an Atma Nirbhar Bharat. To read the complete article, click [here](#).



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Call for Participation: Urban Geospatial Data Stories Challenge 2022

NIUA in partnership with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will be launching Urban Geospatial Data Stories Challenge 2022. This platform is an opportunity for individuals and ecosystem partners to co-create visionary narratives of future urban India, and fostering adoption of geospatial technologies. For further details and registration, click [here](#).