

## Urban Ranking Indexes Facilitate Better Decision Making



A web policy-talk **Demystifying Urban Ranking Indexes** was organised by Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI) on 7 July. Charing the talk, Shri. Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA highlighted the need to focus on building the capacity of urban local body officials to understand and use urban indices to improve their decision-making for effective urban management. The policy-talk mooted the idea of computing urban development related indices at the smallest spatial unit such as the ward level for improved evidence based decision making. To watch the complete video, click [here](#).



*"There is a need to review all the urban ranking indexes in an integrated manner to reduce overlaps, and bring out linkages between indexes and SDGs."*

-Chetan Vaidya, Independent Urban Advisor



*"Building capacities at the local level is critical for urban indexes, and the indexes are useful for monitoring of actual services on ground."*

-Meera Mehta, Professor Emeritus, CEPT



*"There is a dearth of information at the city level. The economy part in cities is critical, but the aspects on city generating the economy and productivity is missing."*

-Dinesh Mehta, Professor Emeritus, CEPT



*"Economic indicators are crucial in ranking indexes not only to rank the cities possible, but to change the political-economy of the cities."*

-Pritika Hingorani, Director and Research Fellow, IDFC Institute

## We Need to Leverage SDGs to Enhance Urban Resilience and Poverty Reduction: Director NIUA

In an article to *Business World*, Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA stressed that India's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals requires the cities to work towards greater productivity, inclusion, sustainability, and rural-urban linkages. To read the complete article, click [here](#).



## Second Issue of the NIUA-eGov Special Series on SDG 11 Released

The second issue of NIUA-eGov special series on **SDG 11-Sustainable Cities and Communities**, was released on 9 July. NIUA has collaborated with the eGov magazine to bring out this series to help create a knowledge sharing ecosphere related to SDGs, with academia and research institutions, industry partners and governments. To read the second issue of the series focused on **SDG 11.2—providing access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all**, click [here](#).

## NIUA Experts at Water Champions Fellowship Workshop

The C4Y Water Champions Youth Fellowship 2021 under the Ministry of Jal Shakti organised an online orientation workshop **Urban WASH: Problem Innovation, Solution and Scale** from 23-25 June. NIUA experts—Jyoti Dash, Nikita Madan, Mahreen Matto, and Vishakha Jha—deliberated on the project experiences across the urban water, waste water, and sanitation sectors at NIUA. To know more about water and sanitation programmes at NIUA, click [here](#).



**THREE DAYS VIRTUAL ORIENTATION WORKSHOP**

June 23-25, 2021 (Wednesday-Friday) | 10:00 am – 05:00 pm

**SESSION: URBAN WASH: PROBLEM INNOVATION, SOLUTION AND SCALE**

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Day: **Thursday, June 24, 2021** | Time: 11:00 hrs - 12:00 hrs  
Live Streaming: [www.facebook.com/C4YIndia](https://www.facebook.com/C4YIndia)

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It focuses on sustainable mobility as a key enabler of economic growth and shared prosperity.

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