

NIUA Partners with 'URGENT' Initiative to Develop Climate-Proof Cities



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NIUA partners with the **URGENT Initiative** (Urban Resilience and Adaptation for India and Mongolia) to promote Green and Blue Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions for resilient, climate-friendly and liveable cities in India. In this regard, an inception seminar was organised by NIUA on 20 July to discuss peer-review curricula, and co-organise project conferences during and after the project lifetime. Along with NIUA, the other Indian partners in this initiative include Jawaharlal Lal Nehru University, NIRMA University, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences and Technology, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City, and Pondicherry University. For more information on URGENT Initiative, click [here](#).

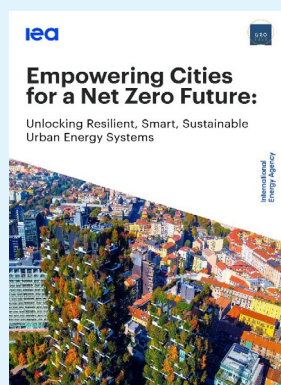
River-Sensitive Master Plans should be Integrated with all the Cities: NIUA Director

NIUA and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) jointly launched the Strategic Guidelines for Making River-Sensitive Master Plans on 20 June. The guidelines elaborated on seven tools that can be used to address river-related challenges in urban planning. The event was covered by DD News. To watch this coverage click [here](#).



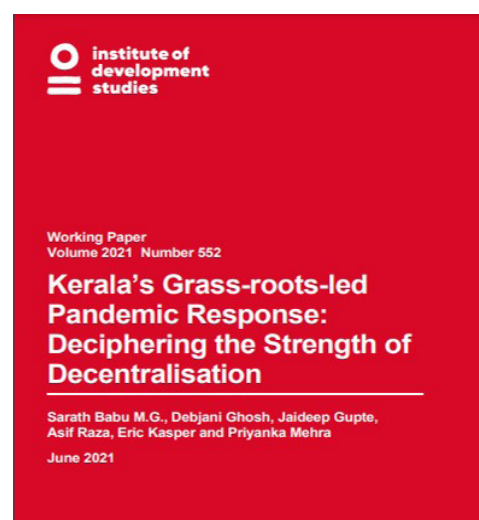
CSCAF Recognised as one of the Global Monitoring Tools for Sustainability Goals

A new IEA report, **Empowering Cities for a Net Zero Future** was released last week. This new report examines how cities can be a key to a net-zero emissions future as digitalisation opens up a range of new opportunities. It was prepared by the Energy Efficiency Division (EEFD) of the Directorate of Energy Markets and Security (EMS) of the International Energy Agency (IEA). Raina Singh, Fellow, C-Cube, NIUA is one of the contributors. The report mentions ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) as one of the assessment frameworks to track city progress towards sustainability goals. To read complete report, click [here](#).



A Strong Grass-Root Level Network Plays a Vital Role in Pandemic Management: NIUA Experts

In an article-Kerala's Grass-roots-led Pandemic Response: Deciphering the Strength of Decentralisation published in the *Institute of Development, Studies Working Paper 552*, the NIUA authors Sarath Babu M.G., Dr. Debajani Ghosh, Asif Raza, and Priyanka Mehra, present an analysis of the role of decentralised institutions to understand the learning and challenges of the grass-roots-led pandemic response in Kerala. To read complete article, click [here](#).



Deadline Extended for Public Comments/Suggestions on Draft Master Plan Delhi-2041

The Delhi Development Authority has extended the deadline for objections/suggestions on Draft Master Plan Delhi—2041 until 23 August 2021.

To submit the comments/suggestion, click [here](#).

Job openings

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