

SCBP Organises Consultation on Sustainable Urban Sanitation Practices



Narsapura lake filled with treated wastewater from KC Valley project in Bengaluru

The Sanitation and Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) at NIUA organised a consultation meeting—**Mainstreaming Urban Sanitation in India** on 10 December to present the research studies developed by its partners Biome Environmental Solutions Pvt-India and Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. The purpose of the meeting was to insights on urban sanitation with the sector experts. The two research studies: **Practice of Sustainable Urban Sanitation: Learnings from 9 Cities**, and **Characterisation of Dewatered and Dried Sludge from STPs and FSTPs** highlighted the need for an adaptive management framework for sanitation, and the need to focus on heavy metal concentration in FSS management, respectively. The outcome of the meeting is to dovetail the learnings from these studies into the national urban priorities.

To learn more about the SCBP programme click [here](#).

Projects Update

ITCN Conducts Workshop on Inclusive Cities for Children

The Infant, Toddler and Caregiver-Friendly Neighbourhoods (ITCN) programme at NIUA in collaboration with the Bernard Van Leer Foundation organised a workshop—**Engaging with Cities to Promote Inclusion: ITC Perspective** on 17 December. 70 participants from 25 urban local bodies, training agencies, and academic institutes attended the workshop. The event focused on incorporating infant, toddler, and caregiver perspective into city planning mechanisms. To learn more about the ITCN programme click [here](#).



MGSCI Presents Kochi City Lab at the Annual Meet

The Morgenstadt Global Smart Cities Initiative (MGSCI) at NIUA had an Annual Meeting on 9 December. Dr. Debjani Ghosh from NIUA discussed project highlights of *Kochi City Lab* such as finalisation of the report, city-level assessments, and way forward to develop a pilot project for Kochi in 2022. To learn more about MGSCI click [here](#).

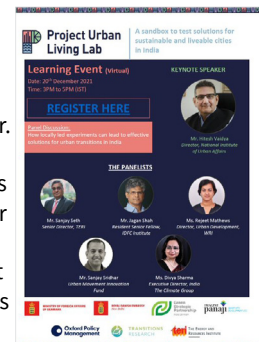


View over Kochi city

NIUA Experts Speak

There is a Need to Bridge the Policy Gap from Higher Tier to Lower Tier of Governance: Hitesh Vaidya

A webinar—**Project Urban Living Lab**—was organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) on 20 December. Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya as keynote speaker in the event highlighted that urban living labs are spaces that bring together policymakers, city governments, residents, and research institutions to collaboratively address urban problems. There is a need to rethink about governance landscapes and local contexts in Indian cities for effective implementation of urban schemes.



NIUA Publications

The Smart Move: Innovative Urban Mobility Challenge Compendium Released

The **Smart Move: Innovative Urban Mobility Challenge** compendium has been released. It showcases innovative ideas towards improvements in the mobility sector. To read the compendium click [here](#).

New Partnerships

NIUA Partners with Surat Smart City Development Corporation Limited

NIUA signed an MoU with Surat Smart City Development Corporation Limited on 23 December. The purpose of the partnership is to develop a Wastewater Intelligence Network to build resilience and utilise innovation in urban healthcare against COVID-19 and future pandemics.

