

## Pilot Study on Community Embedded Decision Support System for Bhopal Launched



NIUA Team conducting the workshop on Community Embedded Decision Support System in Bhopal

The Smart Data and Inclusive Cities (SDIC) project at NIUA launched the Community Embedded Decision Support System (CEDSS) in Bhopal on 8 October. The pilot was launched in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK as anchor institutions along with GRADE, Peru as Technology partner, and Samarthan, Bhopal as community partner. CEDSS is an algorithm-based decision support systems which suggests solutions to empower citizens for improving disaster response, and emergency preparedness. It will help integrate multiple forms of data within the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) for a more efficient urban governance, management, and planning. For more details on SDIC project, click [here](#).

## New Partnerships

### NIUA and UNICEF Collaborate to Work Towards Making Climate Resilient Cities

The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at NIUA signed an MoU with UNICEF-India on 21 October. The purpose of the collaboration is to promote peer-to-peer learning and dissemination of knowledge products in the areas of sustainable sanitation, solid and liquid waste management, air quality, energy and green buildings, and green cover and biodiversity. For more details about C-Cube, click [here](#).



Country Representative, UNICEF-India, Dr. Yasmine Haque (second from right), and Director, NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya (third from left) during the signing of MoU at UNICEF office.

### NIUA and BIT Mesra Collaborate to Work on Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Development



From left to right: Prof. Manjari Chakraborty, BIT Mesra; Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya; Vice Chancellor BIT Mesra, Prof. Indranil Manna; and Registrar BIT Mesra, Col. Sukhpal Singh Khetarpal (Retd.) during the signing of MoU on BIT Mesra premises.

NIUA and Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) Mesra signed an MoU on 22 October to undertake research projects on National Development Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals, and training and capacity building activities to further the institutional capacity of BIT Mesra.

## Projects Update

### BASII's Lecture Series *Think Urban, Think Inclusive: Lecture 3*

Dr. GVS Murthy, Director, Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad delivered the third lecture under the eight-part BASII's lecture series on 21 October. It focused on accessibility for health services for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).



Dr. GVS Murthy, Director IIPH, Hyderabad

He emphasised that the likelihood of PwDs needing to access public health services is two times higher as compared to other people. He showcased the examples from Telangana and other South Indian states in the presentation. To watch the complete video of the lecture, click [here](#).

## NIUA Experts Speak

### There is a Need to Capture the Potential of Data and Technology : Director NIUA

All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG) organised the inaugural event—**75 Years of Urban Transformation**—to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence on 21 October. While speaking at the event Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya highlighted that there is a need to invest in technology and the use of data for delineating future roadmap of urban development and governance.



Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya

### The Pandemic Aggravated the Existing Inequalities in Cities, Mostly Affected Informal Workers and Migrants: Debolina Kundu

While speaking at the webinar—**Regional Studies Association International Hour: India** on 13 October, Debolina Kundu, Professor at NIUA highlighted that poverty and job-loss need to be tackled immediately with a focus on urban employment guarantee schemes, housing, and basic amenities with inbuilt subsidies. To watch the recording of the webinar, click [here](#).



Prof. Debolina Kundu, NIUA