

PROJECT IN FOCUS: INDIA SMART CITIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF) is an initiative of the Smart Cities Mission which aims to cultivate youth leadership and vibrancy in the urban development sector. In 2019, 39 young professionals were inducted as Fellows, who applied their skills and experience to 12 projects in cities across the country by providing creative solutions to the pressing challenges faced by India's urban sector. The second cohort consisting of 57 Fellows was inducted in March 2020. For more information click [here](#).



ISCF Cohort of 2019-20, after their mid-term project review



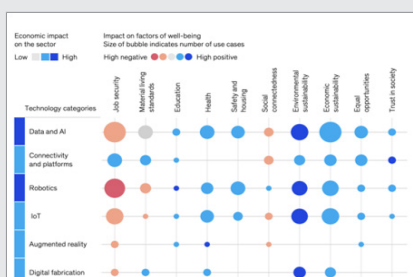
ISCF Cohort of 2020-21, during their induction program



First year completion of ISCF batch 2019-20

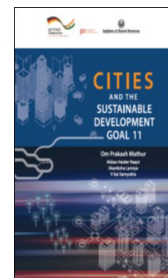
India Smart Cities Fellowship Quarterly Newsletter Released

The second newsletter of India Smart Cities Fellowship - ISCF Digest was released earlier this month. The newsletter elucidates on the reflections of ISCF fellows on the role of technology in urbanism. For more information click [here](#).



Localising Sustainable Development Goal 11 in managing Indian cities

India is facing major urban challenges of rapid growth of large cities, expansion of the informal sector, and the role of cities in exacerbating or mitigating climate change. Recently, a report was released by the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi which was authored by Prof. O.P Mathur. The report highlights the need to revisit the scope of 74th Amendment Act for localization and implementation of SDG 11. For more information on the report click [here](#).



CITIIS toolkit for effective communications and outreach plan launched

The City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) program launched the toolkit on effective communication strategy plan for implementation of urban projects. It includes guidelines for strategy, execution, documentation, and evaluation phases of urban projects.

The toolkit is useful for the local governments and implementation agencies in urban areas to carry out their communication activities more effectively. For more information click [here](#).



Nurturing Neighbourhood Challenge Webinar Series

The Nurturing Neighbourhood Challenge which was launched on 4 November by Shri Hardeep S Puri MoS (I/C) - Housing & Urban Affairs, held its second webinar on 20 November. The challenge aims to incorporate a focus on early childhood development (0-5-year-old children) in the planning and management of cities. This webinar series provides a platform for peer-to-peer learning and sharing best practices among cities. It presented the cities of Udaipur and Boa Vista and Recife cities in Brazil as Urban95 lighthouse in developing and implementing the vision of early childhood-friendly neighbourhoods. For more information click [here](#).



OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR

Job Openings: Apply [here](#)

Backend Developer, National Urban Learning Platform.
Last Date: 30 November, 2020.

Frontend Developer, National Urban Learning Platform.
Last Date: 30 November, 2020.

Program Manager, National Urban Learning Platform.
Last Date: 31 December, 2020.