

## PROJECT IN FOCUS: CONSERVATION PLAN FOR AHMEDABAD HERITAGE TRUST

The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is supporting Ahmedabad World Heritage City Trust in the preparation of Heritage Conservation Plan for the walled city of Ahmedabad. The city has been identified as World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The aim of the conservation plan is to safeguard the physical, social, cultural and economic fabric of the city, its tangible and intangible heritage with particular emphasis on the preservation of the Outstanding Universal Values. The plan is an important statutory document which will be eventually integrated in the Ahmedabad City Development Plan. For more information on the project, click [here](#).

**Established by the emperor Ahmed Shah in the year 1411, with a history of more than 600 years, the city of Ahmedabad has rich cultural and architectural heritage. The Indo-Islamic monuments of 15th to 17th centuries, along with heritage precincts in the form of pols (the traditional residential cluster of medieval period) makes Ahmedabad exceptional. The unique combination of architecture and living heritage makes it stand out as India's First Heritage City.**

**Ahmedabad City Heritage Conservation Plan**

The Ahmedabad World Heritage City Trust(AWHCT) has been established by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation(AMC) to respond to the challenges of being a World Heritage City. A Heritage Conservation plan will be prepared to outline strategies required to preserve the Walled City AWHCT has appointed National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) to prepare this plan. NIUA will, in every step, prepare the plan through participation of the people who live and work in the city.

**What does it mean for us, Amdavadis?**

The pride of being recognized as a World Heritage City comes with the responsibility of maintaining our legacy for the future generations.

**A collective effort is required from the whole city to achieve this.**

**It is important to conserve the built environment while making the Walled City of Ahmedabad more livable and accessible.**

**Major Activities to be carried Out by NIUA**

- To carefully survey and map the heritage assets of the Walled City.
- To prepare an Urban Plan through people's participation that facilitates the conservation of heritage.
- To prepare a Plan that will improve the services, infrastructure and social amenities in the Walled City.
- To prepare a Plan that will improve the movement and connectivity within the Walled City.
- To prepare a Plan that will encourage and support development within the Walled City, while maintaining its heritage character.

**Reasons why Ahmedabad is declared a World Heritage City**

- It is an example of marvelous human settlements that exhibit the spirit of its people. Not only people who once lived there, but the ones who still do.
- The city of Ahmedabad is representative of history of ideas, beliefs and the traditions of its people. The buildings that express these ideas are of great importance to everyone. Some of these are alive even today and need to be preserved.
- Ahmedabad is a city having a diversity of beliefs and lifestyle. People who exchanged ideas and values over the centuries, have led to an unmatched development of art, architecture and technology. From the carvings on buildings to sophisticated water systems, the walled city showing many lessons for all of us in a world with limited resources.

## A Guidebook to Manage Urban Rivers

NIUA's Urban River Management Framework launched during the Ganga Utsav on 4 November is now available on the NIUA's website. The framework can help the cities to manage the rivers within their boundaries using a systems approach. The document is available for download [here](#).



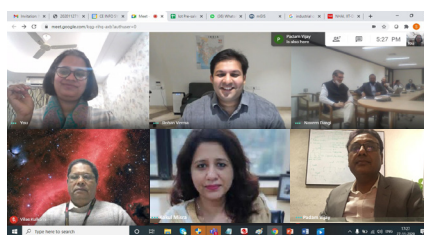
## C<sup>3</sup> Focuses on Urban Planning to Implement Climate Action Plan

Check out a blog on leveraging urban planning and governance for city-level action plan by Raina Singh, Senior Fellow at Climate Centre for Cities (C<sup>3</sup>) [here](#).

**Link:** <https://linktr.ee/ccube>

## Centre of Excellence for Urban Analytics Launched

NIUA launched the Centre of Excellence for Urban Analytics in collaboration with MapmyIndia on 27 November. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed for the purpose. The aim of the Centre is to promote innovation, co-creation and research in finding solutions for complex urban problems using spatial data. The Centre will develop and disseminate spatially enabled use cases relevant to all 4000+ ULBs and other Government of India missions to promote evidence based decision-making in planning.



Ms. Sapna Ahuja and Mr. Rohan Verma  
MapmyIndia



MoU signing at NIUA (L to R) Mr. Hitesh Vaidya, Dr. Arvind Varshney and Mr. Gyanesh Singh

## UPCOMING EVENT

### Three Day Workshop on Disability Inclusion

Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIIC) program at NIUA is conducting a three-day workshop from 1-3 December on disability inclusion. This workshop includes lectures and a webinar on exploring ways of bringing in inclusion in urban space and design. For more information, click [here](#).

**Three day Workshop on Disability Inclusion**  
To commemorate  
"International Day of Persons with Disability"

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Lecture Series on Advocating a Policy Based Approach to Fortify Disability Inclusion in Cities	Workshop on Disability Inclusion From an Approach to Practice Rebuilding Cities for all	Consulting Session Empower through Inclusivity: Building an Inclusive, Safe and Accessible Urban India
1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 11:00 - 12:00 hrs. (IST)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020 14:30 - 16:00 hrs. (IST)	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2020 15:00 - 16:00 hrs. (IST)