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## Commemorating 45 Years of Contribution Towards India's Urban Transformation

### Message from the Director NIUA



2021 marks the completion of 45 years of NIUA's relentless pursuit of sustainability and inclusiveness in cities across India. While we are going through this global health crisis, we must reflect on our past, but more importantly, focus on the future.

I feel privileged to pay tribute to the many remarkable people associated with NIUA and their significant achievements that have made NIUA what it is today—a premier national organisation focusing on the urban sector. I am the 10th Director of NIUA, the organisation where I started my professional journey many years ago. NIUA has produced a large number of urban professionals who are now spread across the country, contributing to India's urban development.

NIUA has consistently accomplished the purpose for which it was set up by the Government of India—to bridge the gap between urban research, practice, and policy. It has also become the first port of call for national

and international agencies wishing to work in the urban sector in India. NIUA has played a key role in shaping and driving the urban narrative of India, as part of the National Commission of Urbanisation, the drafting of the 74th Constitutional amendment, as secretariat to the High Power Expert Committee (HPEC) for Urban Infrastructure, policy and advocacy support to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in conceptualization and rolling out of various urban flagship missions.

NIUA has established its credibility through its hands-on approach leading to successful conclusion of projects and hand-holding initiatives in states and cities across India. Our publications, knowledge products, capacity building and networking-initiatives are used across the country, and these efforts have contributed towards bringing the three tiers of urban governance closer.

Our motto for NIUA is RISE, which stands for Result and impact oriented, Innovative and inclusive, Scalable and sustainable, Engaged and ever-evolving!

NIUA has been contributing towards positioning India and its unique urbanism in the global development agenda. I have always believed that cities have the potential to change people's lives for the better and make this planet a happier home for them. NIUA, with its team of brilliant people, will continue to reinforce its niche as a thought leader and an urban knowledge-hub for unpacking this potential for the cities to become smart, inclusive, safe, and resilient.

Hitesh Vaidya

### Down The Memory Lane

Former Directors at NIUA

On 25 June 2021 NIUA is commemorating its 45th Anniversary. To recognise this milestone, we have recorded video messages from our former directors and Governing Council members. They have played a significant role in the evolution of NIUA. To watch complete videos, click [here](#).

### Message from Prof. Om Prakash Mathur

Former Director, NIUA

"NIUA has come a long way...today NIUA is a valued partner of MoHUA and various arms of the Government of India in planning and designing urban policies." To watch complete video, click [here](#).



### 45th Anniversary Events

To mark 45th Anniversary, NIUA has planned a series of events from 23rd to 29th June including the launch of new knowledge products, and websites. For further details, click [here](#).



**Join us for the Launch of NIUA Knowledge Products**  
On the 6th Anniversary of AMRUT, SCM and PMAY (U)

- CSAF 2.0 Assessment Report / Video/ Website/Tool
- Handbook of Urban Statistics - Ensuring Visibility of Persons with Different Abilities (Divyangs) in Indian Cities
- Cities Insights Report- An Insight on Smart Cities Approach towards Inclusive Urban Development (Disability Smart City Interventions)
- Handbook on Urban Infrastructure Project Development
- Handbook on CITIES & SDGs



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**Join us for Anniversary Events**

Date	Time	Item	Registration Link:
23 June, 2021	11:30-13:00	Strategy Meet for Capacity Building on Non-Sewered Sanitation: Consultation Meet for Partnership with Nodal Training Institutes	 <a href="https://bit.ly/3xJcPDK">https://bit.ly/3xJcPDK</a>
23 June, 2021	15:00-16:30	Brainstorming Meeting on Keeping pace with the dynamic needs of urban water and sanitation: Dedicated Entity for Water and Sanitation (DEWS)	 <a href="https://bit.ly/3qhlA4J">https://bit.ly/3qhlA4J</a>
24 June, 2021	16:00-17:00	SCBP Webinar on "Formal and Informal Sanitation Practices: Learnings from Indian Cities"	 <a href="https://lnkd.in/exPwUBU">https://lnkd.in/exPwUBU</a>
29 June, 2021	14:00-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strategy Launch of Inclusive Cities Centre</li><li>A webinar on Inclusive Cities - Approaches for making Indian Cities more accessible, safe, and inclusive for all</li></ul>	 <a href="https://bit.ly/35Lbrnjg">https://bit.ly/35Lbrnjg</a>

Launch of Knowledge Products:

- A compendium of unique practices for environmental management
- Towards quieter neighborhoods: How are cities tackling noise pollution?
- Urban Farming: Growing a green future\*
- Urbanisation in Global South
- Changes in land use and land cover in cities of the Global South
- Patterns and driving forces
- Policy brief on education



Watch it live here: <https://lnkd.in/eQRuY-m>

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