

Home Minister Inaugurates the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant at Port Blair



Hon'ble Home Minister Amit Shah



Faecal Sludge and Septage Management Collection-Transport and Treatment for Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Hon'ble Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) for the city of Port Blair on 29 September. NIUA's Sanitation Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) Programme prepared the detailed project report for the FSTP in collaboration with ECOSAN Services Foundation. The plant is a combination of decentralised waste water and sewerage treatment solutions with a total treatment capacity of 42 kilo liters per day. For details on the FSTP in Port Blair, click [here](#).

Towns in Uttarakhand to get Deep Row Entrenchment for Safe Disposal of Septage

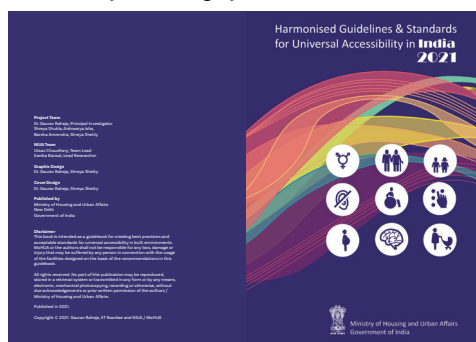
Urban Development Directorate, Uttarakhand in collaboration with the SCBP programme has issued a technical guidance note on **Deep Row Entrenchment (DRE)**—a form of faecal sludge and septage management approach where trenches are dug in the ground, filled with sludge and covered with soil. As per the note, the towns in the state of Uttarakhand are directed to adopt DRE as an interim measure for safe disposal of faecal sludge and septage in those regions where waste water and sludge treatment facilities are not currently available within 25 km distance. To read the technical guidance note, click [here](#).

Projects Update

CPWD Releases Draft Harmonised Guidelines and Standards for Universal Accessibility in India for Comments

The draft guidelines prepared by the *Building Accessible, Safe and Inclusive Indian Cities* programme at NIUA have been approved by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), and have now been published for comments and feedback from the public.

To access the draft guidelines, click [here](#). The comments can be submitted to uchoudhury@niua.org by 28 October 2021.



Climate Centre for Cities Organises Urban Thinkers Campus

C-Cube at NIUA and ISOCARP organised *Urban Thinkers Campus* on **Mainstreaming Climate Actions in Indian Cities** on 7 and 8 October. The purpose of the event was to bring together ideas from climate experts for taking forward climate actions at local levels. To know in detail about the C-Cube, click [here](#).

There is a need for a paradigm shift towards a bottom-up approach of planning where the city drives, state advances, and centre facilitates.

Hitesh Vaidya,
Director, NIUA



The role of professional organisations is vital in mitigating climate change to ensure sustainable environment and a better future for the next generation.

Rajendra Kumar,
Member, ISOCARP



New Partnerships

NIUA and KILA Collaborate for Capacity Building and Policy Initiatives

NIUA along with the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Thrissur signed an MoU on 12 October. The purpose of this collaboration is to develop new research, training, policy discourses and strategic knowledge initiatives required for Urban India in general, and the state of Kerala in particular.



Associate Professor, Dr. Debjani Ghosh, NIUA, and Director, Hitesh Vaidya, NIUA during the signing of MoU at NIUA.

NIUA Experts Speak

Urban Local Bodies have been Responsive during COVID-19: Director NIUA

The Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) organised a digital symposium—**Inspiring Leadership of Mayors and Councillors for Inclusive Urbanisation**—jointly with NIUA, and Commonwealth Local Governance Forum (CLGF) on 6 October. While speaking at the symposium Director, NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya highlighted that there is a need to invest in technology and use of data to strengthen city leaders in post-pandemic times. For more details on the symposium, click [here](#).

Integrated Planning Requires Financing Scheme and Operational Sustainability of Projects in Long Term: Paramita Dey

While speaking at the conference—**Building Climate Smart Cities through Data-Driven, Integrated Planning**—organised by UN-Habitat on 11 October Head, Waste and Resources Division, Paramita Dey, NIUA highlighted that there is a need to develop responsive policies, and prioritise infrastructure projects to understand the potential climate change risks, and making climate resilient cities. To watch the recording of the conference, click [here](#).



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