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#### PROJECT IN FOCUS: ADDRESSING THE URBAN DRIVERS OF RIVER HEALTH IN THE GANGA RIVER BASIN

Addressing the Urban Drivers of River Health in the Ganges River Basin is a collaborative effort of NIUA and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Ministry of Jal Shakti, to foster river sensitive development in cities. The project's specific objectives comprise mainstreaming river thinking into urban planning, developing a framework for an Urban River Management Plan (URMP) and building capacities of relevant stakeholders in various facets of urban river management. The URMP framework (described



in the figure below) aims to improve the river health, making the development environmentally responsible, socially cohesive and economically viable. For further details, visit here.









Capacity Building

**RESEARCH REPORT ON 'DELHI: A** 

**CITY OF DIVERSITY AND DISPARITY'** 

Led by Prof. Kundu, this study analyses the

internal structure of the National Capital

Territory Delhi, India. It examines the patterns

and processes of urban expansion by analysing

land-use and land-cover changes in and around

the city over time. By mapping neighbourhoods,

the research identifies disparities at the city and

ward levels with regard to health, education

and infrastructural facilities. The full article can

#### YOUTH SABHA-III THEMED ON 'WORK-LIVE-TRAVEL IN DELHI'

NIUA and DDA began a public engagement series with Delhi's youth on 18 September. In this series, the third Youth Sabha themed on 'Shaping the Urban Life in Delhi 2041: Work-Live-Travel in Delhi" triggered discussions on some pertinent issues and brilliant ideas ranging from facilities for the transgenders to decentralized work/ activity centres which took place on 8 October. The snapshot of these ideas/issues is described in the word cloud helow

> Walk to work Regional interdependent Bicycle urbanism Co-living Co-working Start up capital

Flexible work spaces Diverse economic opportunities Electric mobility Rental housing models

Craft based clusters Dedicated spaces for vendors Housing with amenities Industry and research connect

Safer spaces for all Encouraging women genders entrepreneurship

## Delhi: a city of diversity and disparity

be accessed *here*.



### VIRTUAL TRAINING ON URBAN GREEN PLANNING

A three-day virtual training workshop on Urban Green Planning was organised on 13 & 15 October as part of ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF), which was organized by NIUA in partnership with GIZ and the Germen Institute of Urban Affairs. The training was focused on three of the CSCAF indicators - Rejuvenation & Conservation of Water Bodies & Open Areas, Proportion of Green Cover, and Urban Biodiversity.



The latest issue of the Climate Center for Cities (C3) Newsletter is available here.

#### **NIUA IN NEWS**

#### **Making Cities River-sensitive**

Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Mr. Hitesh Vaidya and Dr. Victor R Shinde in an article published in Indian Express pointed out that there is no universal model to manage urban rivers and emphasized on using a mix of engineering and planning-related approaches. Further, the authors highlighted that initiatives to make people empathise with riverine ecosystems could restore the health of water bodies. The full article can be accessed here.



#### **Urban Thinkers Camp 5.0**

UTC 5.0 on 'Reimagining Urban Planning and Development - Perspectives on Policy, Practice and Pedagogy' was held on Oct 16 and 17 October, which was jointly organized by NIUA and CEPT. The virtual conference was attended by both national and international participants, which provided a platform for planning professionals to provide their timely feedback on urban policies.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

APAC's Conclave on Global Waste Management and Innovation is on 30 and 31 October. Register here.

#### Master Plan Delhi-2041 Consultation

NIUA and DDA invite Persons with Disabilities as an important stakeholder to take part in the preparation of Master Plan of Delhi 2041 on 21 October, to share their insights & suggestions for Delhi. Please register using the link provided *here*.

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