

C-Cube Organises National Workshop on Capacity Building for Climate Actions

The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at NIUA in collaboration with GIZ, India organised a two-day national workshop—**Capacity Building for Climate Actions**—from 21 to 22 December. The purpose of the workshop was to handhold training institutes for adopting climate-relevant actions aligned to the indicators of the ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF). 15 training institutes attended the workshop. In the event, NIUA signed an MoU with GIZ to support the development of sustainable cities, and in developing climate action plans. For details on C-Cube click [here](#).



From (left to right) Country Director-GIZ, Ernst Doering, Director-Smart Cities Mission, Kunal Kumar, Director-NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya, and Project Head-Climate Smart Cities, GIZ Vaishali Nandan during the signing of MoU

“Translating and reaching the big ideas to the person working on the ground in cities is key for building climate actions. Capacity building is the key element that enables this process.”

Shri Kunal Kumar
Director-Smart Cities
Mission



“We have to work on each other’s strengths to reach the fruitful initiatives and innovative solutions to all the cities for building climate actions”

Hitesh Vaidya
Director, NIUA



“Together, we are addressing the challenges in scaling up training that can deliver the impact we at C-Cube aim to achieve in building climate resilience across cities”

Shri Mahesh Rajasekar
Chair Urban
Resilience-NIUA



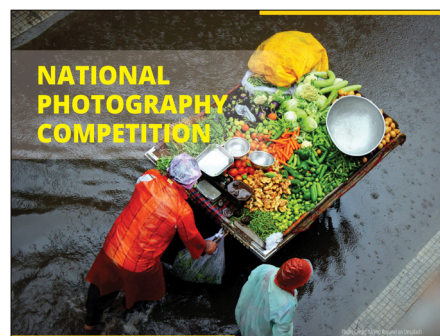
Announcements @ NIUA

Call for Participation: Climate Change Awareness Campaign and National Photography Competition

The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at NIUA in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is organising an awareness campaign and a photography competition from 27 December, 2021 to 26 January 2022. The events aim to involve young professionals and spread awareness on the challenges and solutions associated with climate change. Both events will be celebrated as part of pre-event activities of the Smart Cities: Smart Urbanisation event to be held on 4 and 5 February, 2022 at Surat in Gujarat.

For more information on the **Climate Change Awareness Campaign** click [here](#).

For more information on the **National Photography Competition** click [here](#).



Themes
Climate Impacts in Cities
Climate Actions in Cities

Participate and Promote Climate Awareness!

Awards

- Cash prizes and Certificates for all winners
- Award winning pictures will be exhibited during the 'Smart Cities: Smart Urbanisation' event in Surat, Gujarat.

Last Date: 26th January 2022

For more information



Projects Update

CITIIS Launches RAAHI Project in Amritsar

The City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) programme at NIUA launched the RAAHI (Rejuvenation of Auto-Rickshaw in Amritsar through Holistic Intervention) on 31 December in Amritsar. The purpose of the project is to reduce pollution and improve the air quality index of the city by promoting e-autos. For details on the RAAHI project click [here](#).

New Partnerships

NIUA and MoHUA Launched SAAR

NIUA in collaboration with MoHUA, and 15 Planning and Architecture Institutes has launched the Smart Cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR) project. In its first edition, the project aims at documenting 75 innovative and multi-sectoral urban projects distributed across 47 Smart Cities. For details on SAAR click [here](#).



NIUA Experts Speak

NIUA is Building a Bridge Between the Government of India’s Policies and Practices in Urban Development: Hitesh Vaidya

In a conversation with *ET Government-Smart City Dialogues*- Director, Hitesh Vaidya highlighted that NIUA is a value-add organisation for states and cities especially in the fields of capacity building, and research and advocacy in the urban space. To watch the complete video click [here](#).



“Innovation is the key to transform any process into impactful performance. Focus has to be outcome-oriented”

Hitesh Vaidya Director, NIUA

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