

BASIIC Organises Consultation on Making Cities Inclusive for People with Disabilities



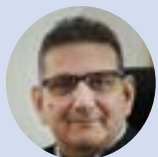
ADA compliant signage and wheelchair accessible seating spaces at Rudraksha Convention Centre, Varanasi

The Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities (BASIIC) programme at NIUA supported by Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), in association with the All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG) organised an e-dialogue titled **Building Cities for All-A Perspective on Disability Inclusion in Urban Development** on 31 January. The dialogue consisted of an expert panel exchanging ideas and set up discourses to develop universally accessible, and inclusive Indian cities. For details about BASIIC click [here](#).



NIUA and UK FCDO have prioritised their efforts on disability inclusion. These efforts have been consistent, and it is commendable that disability inclusion efforts are being adopted rapidly by Indian cities.

Harpreet Singh Arora
Urban Advisor, FCDO



NIUA has been capacitating cities through creating tools, knowledge sharing, and technical assistance on inclusive development.

Hitesh Vaidya
Director, NIUA



Varanasi Smart City with support from the BASIIC programme has developed a city audit toolkit, report and case study. These have been very helpful to identify the gaps and challenges related to inclusion.

Dr. D Vasudevan
Chief General Manager
Varanasi Smart City Limited

Project Update

BASIIC Organises Lecture Series Think Urban, Think Inclusive: Lecture 6

Mr Dipendra Manocha, Executive Director, Developing Countries Program, DAISY Consortium, delivered a lecture on the need for an inclusive education system for persons with disabilities on 20 January under BASIIC's eight part lecture series. He discussed the means and measures to build capacities of schools to accommodate students with disabilities, in terms of the built infrastructure, classroom designs and teaching pedagogy. To watch the complete video of the lecture click [here](#).



Developing Countries
Program—DAISY Consortium,
Executive Director
Dipendra Manocha

ITCN Organises an Orientation Session for its Partners

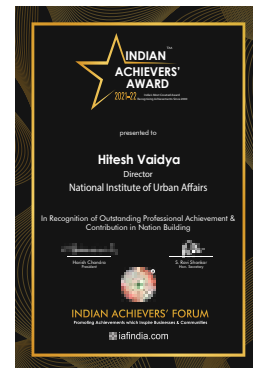
The Infant, Toddler, Caregiver-Friendly Neighbourhood (ITCN) programme at NIUA in collaboration with the Integrated Government Online Training organised an orientation session on 6 January. The purpose of the event was acquaint the ITCN capacity building partners with the training platform. To watch the complete video of the orientation click [here](#).



Awards

Award for NIUA Director

NIUA Director Hitesh Vaidya's professional contribution to nation-building has been recognised by the Indian Achievers' Forum with the **Indian Achievers Award 2021-22**. TeamNIUA wishes him all the very best!



New Partnerships

NIUA Signs an MoU with Symbiosis International University

NIUA has signed an MoU with the Symbiosis International University (SIU) on 31 January. The purpose of this collaboration is to connect academia with practitioners in the urban sector, and work in the areas of knowledge creation and capacity building.



SIU and NIUA signing the MoU

Announcements @ NIUA

NUDM seeks Feedback on Draft Municipal Governance Standards for Cities

The National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) at NIUA has prepared 4 draft e-governance Knowledge Standards on Water & Sewerage, Trade License, Municipal Grievance Redressal, and FIRE NoC. The standards have been uploaded on the NIUA website for public consultation and feedback.

Last date to submit feedback is 8 March. To download, and feedback on the standards click [here](#).