**NIUA in News**

**There is a Need to Develop India’s Integrated Urban Assessment Framework: Director NIUA**

In an interview with The Hindu, Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya highlighted that urban planning and governance require management interventions. Urbanisation cannot be seen in an ad hoc way, there is a need to conduct an integrated urban assessment to identify the variations in urbanisation levels across states, and emerging urban clusters. To read the complete interview click [here](#).

**New Publications**

**7th Issue of NIUA-eGov Special Series on SDG 11 Released**

The seventh issue of NIUA-eGov Special Series on SDG 11— Sustainable Cities and Communities, was released on 8 February. NIUA has collaborated with the eGov magazine to bring out this series to help create a knowledge sharing ecosphere related to SDGs, with academia and research institutions, industry partners and governments. To read this issue focused on SDG 11.7—safe, inclusive and accessible green spaces by all click [here](#).

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**C-Cube Organises Workshop with the Climate Practitioners India Network**

The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) organised a workshop on Climate Practitioners India Network (CPIN) on 13 February. CPIN consists of urban practitioners to provide strategic and technical support consultation to strengthen the urban ecosystem with respect to climate change. The deliberations in the workshop focused on expanding the CPIN as a members led network to increase the engagement with cities. For details about CPIN click [here](#).

**NIUA Experts Speak**

**CSCAF Contributes to Improving the Ease of Living in Cities : Ajay Suri**

Speaking at a conference—Unlocking Urban India through Citizen Participation & Empowerment—organised by the Indian Merchants’ Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 11 February, Advisor NIUA, Ajay Suri highlighted that the ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) has mainstreamed climate actions into city planning, and is contributing towards improving the ease of living in cities. To know about CSCAF click [here](#).

**Universal Accessibility and Acceptance of Diversity are Pillars for an Inclusive City: Utsav Choudhury**

Speaking at a webinar—Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities: Turning a Process into a Reality—organised by Regional Studies Association on 9 February, Team Lead-BASIC programme NIUA, Utsav Choudhury made a presentation on the BASIC programme, supporting the cities of Varanasi and Pune to augment their planning approaches and institutional mechanisms to implement projects that are more inclusive and accessible. To know about the BASIC programme click [here](#).

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**NUDM seeks Feedback on Draft Municipal Governance Standards for Cities**

The National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) at NIUA has prepared four draft e-governance Knowledge Standards on Water & Sewerage, Trade License, Municipal Grievance Redressal, and Fire No Objection Certificate. The standards have been uploaded on the NIUA website for public consultation and feedback. Last date to submit feedback is 8 March 2022. To download, and submit feedback on the standards click [here](#).