

NIUA to Document Good Practices and Innovative Approaches to Localise Sustainable Development Goals



Restoration of water bodies in Chennai Smart City

NIUA has commissioned a study to document good practices and innovative approaches in localising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in collaboration with GIZ. The study intends to support states across India to provide guidance for developing strategies for implementing and localising SDGs. Three consultative workshops were conducted with the states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Assam between July and September to identify key challenges on SDGs implementation. The final knowledge product—**Compendium of Good Practices and Innovative Approaches in Localising Sustainable Development Goals**—will help cities to localise and implement the SDGs. Prof. Debolina Kundu is leading the study from NIUA. For more details on the study, click [here](#).

Projects Update

BASIIIC Organises Lecture Series *Think Urban, Think Inclusive*

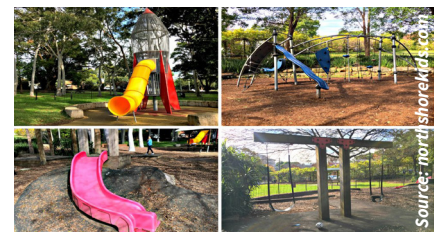
Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Founder, Action for Children's Environments Trust delivered a lecture on the need to reclaim public spaces for children on 7 October under the eight-part lecture series launched by The Building Accessible, Safe and Inclusive Cities (BASIIIC). This was second lecture in the series.



Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Founder, Action for Children's Environments Trust

The purpose of the series is to engage with key sector experts, change makers, and leaders to focus on and collectively discuss ways and tools to improve lives of, and empower persons with disabilities, elderly and young children and their caregivers living in urban areas.

She highlighted unique case studies from across the globe showcasing how public spaces can become accessible and inclusive for children. To watch the complete video of the lecture, click [here](#).



Children's play space reclaimed from public space at Muston Park, Playspace, Chatswood, NSW, Australia

SHLC Team Conducts Stakeholder Consultations in Madurai

The Sustainable, Healthy and Learning Cities and Neighbourhoods (SHLC) project team at NIUA conducted a stakeholder consultation meeting in Madurai from 23 to 26 September. Its purpose was to gain an understanding of neighbourhoods in the city. The consultation also included field visits to understand the inequalities between different social and economic groups within and across neighbourhoods of Madurai. For more details on SHLC project, click [here](#).



Prof. Debolina Kundu (first person; clockwise) during a discussion in Madurai.

Opportunities

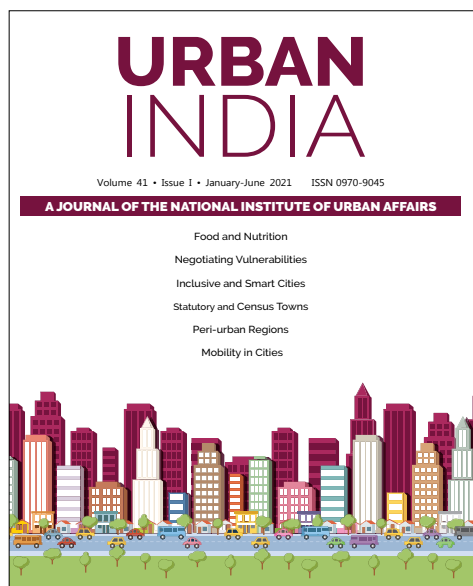
Programme Officer, CITIIS

Last date: 15 October
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New Publications

New Issue of Urban India Released

The latest issue of the NIUA bi-annual journal, **Urban India**, Volume 41, Issue 1 has hit the stands. The themes covered in this issue include: food and nutrition, inclusive and smart cities, statutory and census towns, peri-urban regions, and mobility. For subscription, click [here](#).



New Partnerships

Odisha Government, MoHUA and CITIIS Collaborate for Capacity Building

The City Investments To Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) project at NIUA along with MoHUA has signed a MoU with Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha, to operationalise capacity building of municipal functionaries across 114 Municipalities in Odisha through trainings, and peer-learning, and State level Advisory Services. For more details on CITIIS project, click [here](#).



Principal Secretary, Odisha Housing and Urban Development Mathi Vathanan (extreme left), Mission Director Smart Cities Mission, Kunal Kumar (centre), and Director NIUA, Hitesh Vaidya (right) during the signing of the MoU.