

C-Cube Concludes Learning Series on Climate Change and Cities



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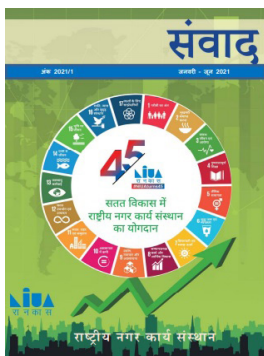
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The Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube) at NIUA concluded a 10-part e-learning series—**Climate Change and Cities** last week. This series was conducted in association with the World Resources Institute (WRI), India with an intent to bring city officials and experts to discuss opportunities for building climate actions in cities. Thematic areas covered in the series included resilience, air pollution, nature based solutions, innovation in climate change, green buildings, water ecosystems, electric mobility, non-motorised transit, and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. Each of the session focused on strategies for holistic solutions along with real time examples. The format session was appreciated by the participants, and the discussions around real time examples emerged to be of great value in understanding the planning and implementation of climate mitigation measures. To watch the sessions, click [here](#).

NIUA Celebrates Hindi Diwas

NIUA celebrated a fortnight long event—**Hindi Pakhwada** from 1 to 15 September. During the event various competitions such as Hindi dictation, poetry writing, essay writing were organised. The winners were felicitated with cash prizes and certificates of participation.

NIUA released the first issue of **Smavod** (January 2021 June 2021)—a Hindi bi-annual magazine which focuses on NIUA's project activities. This issue is focused on contribution of NIUA's projects towards Sustainable Development Goals. The magazine is edited by Shri Naveen Mathur and Smt Poonam Malhotra. To download the complete issue, click [here](#).



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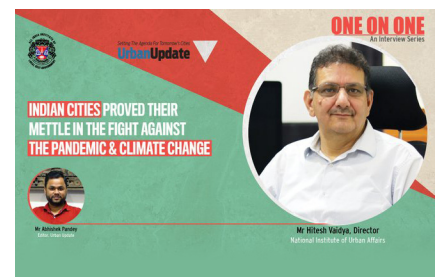
On this occasion, Director, NIUA met Shri Kaushal Kishore, Minister of State for Urban Development and Housing Affairs, and presented a Hindi version of NIUA-Annual Report (2019-2020). He also apprised him of NIUA's ongoing and planned activities.



Shri Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA briefing Shri Kaushal Kishore, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs on NIUA's Progress

NIUA is Supporting Cities in Post-Pandemic Rebuilding: Director NIUA

In an interview with the *Urban Update* magazine, Shri Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA highlighted that the urban local bodies are in the process of 'rebuilding' their cities after COVID-19. NIUA is supporting urban local bodies by handholding them through capacity building programmes, trainings, and knowledge sharing on the best practices to overcome the challenges of COVID-19. To watch the complete interview, click [here](#).



NIUA Organises an online Course on Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis

NIUA in association with US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) organised an online course—**Climate Risk Informed Decision Analysis (CRIDA)** on 15 September. CRIDA is a bottom-up decision support tool to help planners and engineers arrive at practical options for climate compatible actions in water management. The trainers included Dr. Guillermo Mendoza and Dr. John Kucharski from USACE, and Dr. Victor Shinde from NIUA. For further details, click [here](#).

River Sensitive Urban Design and Planning is Vital for Cities: NIUA Experts

Vishakha Jha and Nikita Madan, members of the Water and Environment Team at NIUA, delivered a joint lecture in a capacity building programme—**Water Sensitive Urban Design and Planning** organised by the *Centre for Science and Environment* on 14 September. They discussed the water sensitive design framework, and how it can be integrated in city planning and management strategically. The lecture was attended by 80 urban local body officials.