

## NIUA Anchors the BRICS Urbanisation Forum



Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Durga Shanker Mishra with the NIUA team at BRICS Urbanisation Forum

The National Institute of Urban Affairs was the key anchor in the BRICS Urbanisation Forum—**Harnessing Innovation to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals**, held on 11 and 12 November. The forum consisted of five thematic sessions: Urban Mobility, Smart and Sustainable Cities, Urban Water Management, Spatial Planning, Housing and Inclusion, and Solid Waste Management.

The plenary session of the forum was presided by the Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra. The focus of the forum was on channelising urbanisation in a way which can lead to economic growth in a sustainable and inclusive manner. Ease of living, and the ease of doing business were the primary focus of the sessions. Peer-to-peer learning, capacity building among countries, creation of circular economies, harnessing innovation, public-private partnerships, and achieving carbon neutrality were also discussed. For more details on BRICS, click [here](#).

## NIUA Experts Speak

### Sensitising City Officials about Linking City Interventions to SDGs is Crucial: Prof. Debolina Kundu

A workshop—**Urban Missions in India and Linkages to UN-SDGs**—was organised by GIZ in Bengaluru on 12 November. Speaking at the event, Prof. Kundu highlighted the need to mainstreaming training programmes, capacity building initiatives, and formulating a state and city-level framework to localise SDGs in India.



Prof. Debolina Kundu, NIUA making presentation during the workshop

### NIUA at the Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Sammelan held in Varanasi

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Home Affairs organised the **Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Sammelan** in Varanasi on 13 November. The conference was attended by Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with other dignitaries. Poonam Malhotra represented NIUA to reinforce the Institute's commitment to using Hindi in office work. To read more about the conference, click [here](#).



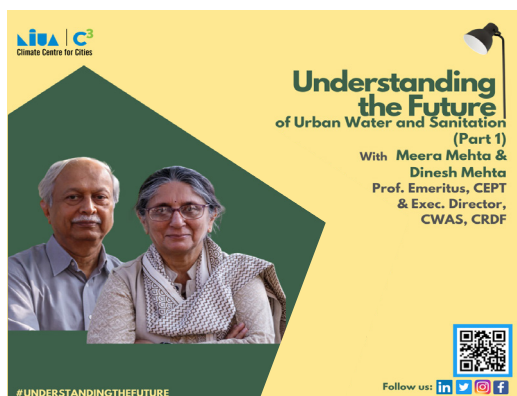
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## Projects Update

### C-Cube's Podcast on Urban Water and Sanitation goes Live!

The Climate Centre for Cities at NIUA has produced a two-part podcast series—**Understanding the Future of Urban Water and Sanitation**. In the first part of the podcast Professor Emeritus at the CEPT University and Executive Directors of the Centre for Water and Sanitation Dinesh Mehta and Meera Mehta discussed the challenges of managing water, urban sanitation, and how sanitation is managed conventionally in Indian cities. To access the podcast, click [here](#).



### BASIIC Conducts Workshop on the Inclusive Cities Framework

The *Building Accessible, Safe, and Inclusive Indian Cities* programme at NIUA in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur conducted a national workshop, **Inclusive Cities Framework**, on 12 November. The deliberations from the workshop highlighted the need for capturing disaggregated data on disability, capacity building of urban stakeholders, and stringent implementation of disability guidelines and standards in urban development. For more details about BASIIC, click [here](#).



## Job Openings

City Investments to Innovate Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS) project at NIUA invites applications for:

**Environment and Social Safeguards Specialist**

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