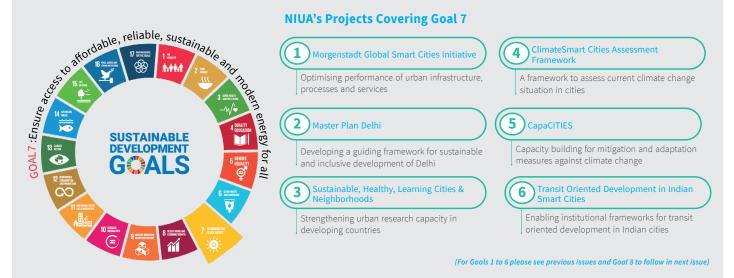
# News and Views from the National Institute of Urban Affairs

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### **CONTRIBUTION OF NIUA PROJECTS TOWARDS SDGs**



#### NIUA Anchors MoHUA's Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge

NIUA is managing Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' (MoHUA) Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge initiative. The challenge encourages cities and towns to adopt mechanised cleaning of sewers and septic tanks to ensure safety of the septic tank cleaners.

Ms. Paramita Datta Dey, Programme Lead-Sustainable Cities Integrated Approach Pilot, is leading the initiative through the capacity building workshops with more than 30 partner organisations, including technical experts, innovators, subject-matter experts, skill development and financial institutions. For further details on the initiative, click *here.* 



Training session with urban local body officials of five pilot cities (Bhopal, Guntur, Jaipur, Mysore, and Vijayawada) held on 17 February 2021

#### **SMART Move: Stage 1 Winners Announced**

Stage-1 of the **SMART Move**: *Innovative Urban Mobility Challenge* initiated by MoHUA and supported by the Smart Cities Mission, NIUA and GIZ India received 80 concept notes on different urban mobility themes from participating teams from across the world. 11 best teams

have been shortlisted. They will now work further on creating working knowledge-products on urban mobility solutions. The last date of submission is 30 June 2021 and the results will be announced in July 2021. For more information, click *here.* 



#### *India Smart City Fellowship* Bids Farewell to the 2020-21 Cohort

The India Smart City Fellowship (ISCF) Programme at NIUA bid farewell to the 2020-21 cohort of fellows in a ceremony on 5 March. 46 fellows

successfully finished their fellowship in the year 2021. The ceremony was presided by Shri. Kunal Kumar, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission,



MoHUA. Shri. Rahul Kapoor, Director, Smart Cities Mission, MoHUA, Shri. Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA, and Dr. Debolina Kundu, Professor, NIUA were also present in the ceremony.

#### Managing the Process of Urbanisation is Critical to Urban Transformation: Director NIUA

Shri Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA in an interview to Businessworld Smart Cities magazine stressed that it has become increasingly critical to manage the process of urbanisation for increasing urban transformation. He also discussed NIUA's approach to supporting cities in their quest for sustainable urban development. To read full interview, click *here.* 

## NIUA: Leveraging Urbanization

Policies through Technology Data Solutions

The government recognizes that managing the process of urbanization is increasingly important for the angoing urban transformation. In this regard, NLUA has been set up with a mission to develop new research and expertises for supporting innovations in the urban sector and their dissemination through action research and advaccay, capacity building. Elaborates Hitesh Valdya, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NULA) in conversation with Paulum (Chendarty of BW AmarCities World.



#### **Upcoming Event**

Morgenstadt Global Smart Cities Initiative (MGI) at NIUA will be organising a webinar on 26 March on Smart Cities-Policies, Frameworks and Governance Approaches Towards Smart and Climate Friendly Cities. To register, click *here*.



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