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### **NIUA Signs an MoU with eGovernment Foundation**



Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA (centre) during the signing of MoU at the MoHUA premises

The National Institute of Urban Affairs signed an MoU with the eGovernment Foundation on 25 August. The purpose of this collaboration is to create and implement the National Urban Governance Platform (NUGP). The platform will contribute to a smoother, and more efficient municipal administration. It is a cloud based platform which will be readily available for the states and cities to drive 9 key municipal services such as property tax, trade license, online building plan approval, and water and sewerage. This platform is one of the several initiatives under the National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM). For more information on NUDM, click <u>here.</u>



"On Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava, the NUDM will deliver inclusive & accessible municipal egov services to each Indian in our emerging cities".

Shri Durga Shanker Mishra Secretary, MoHUA

## Cities which invest in river thinking will reap exponential environmental, social, and economic benefits: Secretary, MoHUA

NIUA in collaboration with the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), and Town & Country Planning Organisation (TCPO) organised a brainstorming workshop—**Mainstreaming River Thinking into a Master Plan** on 27 August. The workshop was presided by Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs along with Shri Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director General, NMCG, and Shri Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA.



The purpose of the workshop was to orient the participants on enabling the river-sensitive master planning in their

cities. The workshop was attended by Chief Town Planners and Senior Town Planners from 23 States and Union Territories. To watch the complete video, click <u>here.</u>

#### NIUA Organises Workshop on Cluster Approach for Urban River Management

NIUA and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organised a workshop—**Strengthening Urban River Management through Cluster Approach** on 23 August in Kolkata. The workshop was presided by the Joint Secretary, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal. The purpose of the workshop was to onboard the commissioners, and state government officials from various departments of 5 selected Urban Local Bodies of Hugli District. As a way forward, NIUA will prepare a cluster level Urban River Management Plan (URMP) for the selected Urban Local Bodies. For more information on NMCG, click <u>here</u>.

## SCBP Organises Online Training on Wastewater and Septage Treatment

The Sanitation Capacity Building Platform (SCBP) programme at NIUA, in collaboration with Ecosan Foundation organised an online training programme—**Planning and Designing of Integrated Wastewater and Septage Treatment Systems** from 20-28 August. The purpose of the training was to build the capacities of Urban Local Body and State officials in planning, and management of wastewater and septage treatment solutions. For more information on the SCBP programme, click *here*.



#### 74<sup>th</sup> CAA introduced principles of good local governance: NIUA Expert

In an event—**Prajatantra 2021** organised by Praja Foundation on 25 August, delivering the keynote address Prof. Debolina Kundu spoke about the efficacy of the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act (CAA) during the Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Smart City Mission. To watch the complete video of the event, click *here*.



#### **Upcoming Event**



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