

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF URBAN AFFAIRS



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# THE INSTITUTE



Established in 1976, National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) was tasked to bridge the gap between research and practice on issues related to urbanization and suggest ways and mechanisms to address urban challenges in the country. For more than 40 years now, NIUA has been the vanguard for contributing to, and at times, building the urban narrative for a fast evolving Urban India. The Institution has been actively working on bringing forth key areas of concern for urban India in order to build the urban discourse at various urban scales.

It has utilized its competencies in research, knowledge management, policy advocacy and capacity building to address urban challenges and continuously striving to develop sustainable, inclusive, and productive urban ecosystems in the country. It has emerged as a thought leader and knowledge hub for urban development in India and is sought out by both Indian and International organizations for collaborations and partnerships in India's urban transforming journey. NIUA is committed towards aligning its efforts towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through all its initiatives and programs.

Principles of Planning

Data-driven Cities

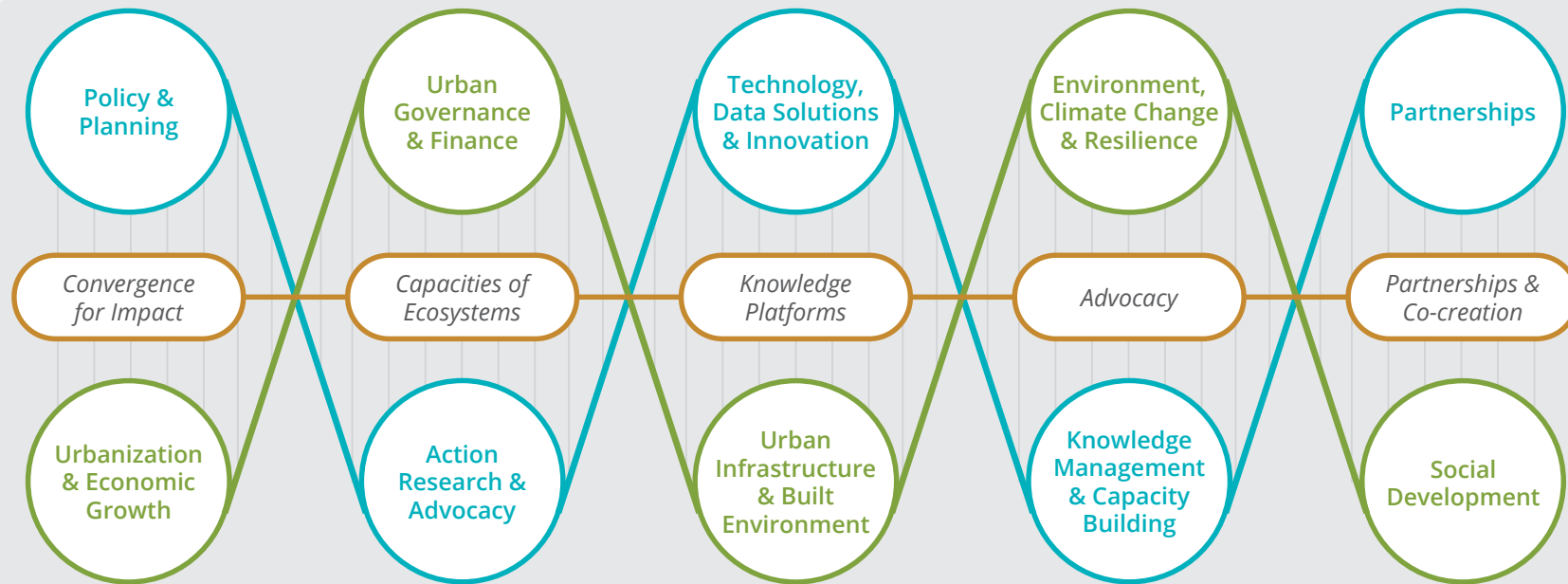
Mainstreaming Climate Action

Inclusive Cities

Positioning the 'India Urban Story'  
on global platforms



# OUR WORK



## OUR VISION

**Promote Integrated Solutions  
for Urban India**

## OUR MISSION

**To develop new research and expertise for  
supporting effective innovations in the urban  
sector and their dissemination through knowledge  
exchange, training and capacity development.**



### **Urbanisation and Economic Growth**

NIUA is committed to studying in depth the macro parameters that influence urban development and its spatial expansion, with a continual review and analysis of the linkages between urbanisation, migration, urban infrastructure and economic growth.



### **Urban Governance and Finance**

NIUA actively provides a wide-ranging technical assistance to MoHUA, states and ULBs on municipal finance and governance including pan-India mission-mode capacity building for reform adoption; evaluating municipal health and performance; and direct handholding of a city agency for building its capacities to respond effectively to changing needs and emerging trends.



### **Urban Infrastructure & Built Environment**

NIUA provides the knowledge and expertise towards overall strategic and sustainable planning and management of urban areas as well as sectoral focus on areas like heritage management, TOD, inclusive urban planning and design responding to needs of all age groups, genders, abilities, and economic backgrounds. NIUA recognizes that well-managed built environments are a powerful tool to deliver high quality of life to all urban residents by leveraging the historical, ecological and cultural layers that make our cities so interesting.



### **Environment, Climate Change and Resilience**

NIUA is working towards embedding resilience at the heart of urban discourse. As an institute, working on cities of tomorrow, it understands that urban policies and decisions taken today have a direct impact on a city's resilience and capacity to respond to these challenges in future. NIUA is working towards building resilience through the lenses of climate smart cities, resilient infrastructure, urban river system management and capacity building on ecosystem services.



### **Social Development**

Social inclusion is crucial towards enabling the creation of a dynamic and adaptable framework for city planning and governance. As it promotes local democracy, participation and inclusion, transparency and accountability, ensuring sustainable urbanisation. In order to influence social development in urban India, NIUA has been working towards promoting and building knowledge through its various initiatives for Inclusive Cities.



### **Policy & Planning**

NIUA is working towards ensuring the urban planning and design practice adequately responds to the inherent demographic and economic forces that underpin India's urbanization. We work towards capturing universal principles from global practices, national and local experience that support the development of diverse planning approaches adapted to scale. We accomplish this by helping the public and private sectors: build capacity for informed, creative decisions; shape public policy; and implement the best community practices.



### **Action Research & Advocacy**

NIUA is committed that more opportunities and different modalities are established to acquire knowledge, develop skills and consolidate expertise and is made available to individuals, practitioners, policy makers, urban managers and decision makers in order to enable them to formulate evidence-based policies, programs and projects and take well-informed decisions.



### **Technology, Data solutions and Innovation**

NIUA is at the forefront of innovation within the urban realm and aims at fostering initiatives and gathering knowledge about Cities of tomorrow. The institute is committed towards creating an ecosystem that can provide ample advice and information to urban stakeholders to become more innovative at delivering intelligent, inclusive and sustainable urban development at scale, especially in challenging contexts.



### **Knowledge Management & Capacity Building**

NIUA plays a catalytic role in linking up data, information, and ideas with those in search of development solutions. To better encompass the experiences of successful practices, NIUA ensure that knowledge for development is readily available to citizens, civil society, opinion makers, researchers, and government policy makers at all levels.



### **Partnerships**

Working with global, national and local, partners, stakeholders and organisations from across the globe, NIUA is committed to exchange of ideas, knowledge exchange through open data resource development and management, to contribute to a greater urban dialogue but also to increase the reach of its knowledge resources and spur innovation.





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