

NIUA Celebrates World Habitat Day with Focus on SDGs and Climate Resilient Cities

NIUA celebrated the World Habitat Day on 4 October. On this occasion, Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA released the fourth issue of NIUA-eGov Special Series on SDG 11, and launched NIUA's new website including NIUA-SDG dashboard, and a knowledge product that illustrates India's Urban Story across states. The launch event was followed by a webinar—Low Carbon Pathways for Cities—organised by the Centre for Climate Cities (C-Cube) at NIUA.

4th Issue of NIUA-eGov Special Series on SDG 11 released

NIUA has collaborated with the eGov magazine to bring out the Special Series on SDG 11 to help create a knowledge sharing ecosphere related to SDGs, with academia and research institutions, industry partners and governments. The fourth issue focused on SDG 11.4—strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage was released this day by Hitesh Vaidya, Director NIUA and Ravi Gupta, Editor-in-Chief, eGov magazine. To read this issue click [here](#).



Hitesh Vaidya (third from left), and Ravi Gupta, Editor-in-Chief, eGov Magazine (fourth from left) with the editorial team at the release of SDG 11.4 issue at NIUA.

NIUA website, SDG Dashboard, and India's Urban Story: SDGs and Urban Indices launched

NIUA's new website showcases NIUA's work over time that can now be accessed in a user friendly manner. The two new features of the website include NIUA-SDG Dashboard that documents the contribution of NIUA's projects towards the SDGs, and a knowledge product, India's Urban Story: SDGs and Urban Indices Across States, presenting the urban picture of states through statistics, figures, and easy to understand infographics. To visit our new website, click [here](#).



Webinar on Low Carbon Pathways for Cities

Speakers from TERI, Clean Air Asia, and C40 presented their opinions on mitigating the current and future carbon emissions in cities by adopting a low carbon pathway in the webinar—Low Carbon Pathways for Cities.

We have policies, regulations and ratings to enable the adoption of green buildings. The focus needs to be on creating awareness among consumers regarding the cost of green buildings, sourcing materials etc.



Mr. Sanjay Seth,
Senior Director, Sustainable Habitat, TERI

We need to emphasize on the significance of empowering and mobilizing citizen action for not only mitigating GHGs emissions but also building resilience.



Ms. Shruti Narayan,
Regional Director, South and West Asia, C40

The sources of pollutants contributing to climate change and air pollution are the same. The discourse of addressing both needs to be integrated at the city level.



Ms. Prarthana Borah,
India Director, Clean Air Asia

In addition to the focus on enabling low carbon mobility, we also need to plan for the foreseeable challenges arising from the transition like the sustainable management of battery waste.



Ms. Sarika Chakravarty,
Senior Sector Coordinator-Transport, NIUA

To watch the complete webinar, click [here](#).

NIUA Projects Update

BASIIIC Organises Lecture Series Think Urban, Think Inclusive

The Building Accessible, Safe and Inclusive Cities (BASIIIC) programme at NIUA launched an eight-part lecture series on 30 September. The purpose of the series is to engage with sector experts on empowering persons with disabilities, elderly, young children and their caregivers. Harpreet Singh Arora, Urban Adviser, FCDO, UK delivered the first lecture on making markets work for inclusive development. To watch the complete video of the launch, click [here](#).



Harpreet Singh Arora,
Urban Adviser,
FCDO, UK



NIUA Experts Speak

Rethinking Urban Planning in Post-COVID times

While speaking at the conference—Cities and Pandemics: Rethinking Urban Morphology organised by CEPT Research Development Foundation (CRDF) and GIZ on 29 September, Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA highlighted that though cities have been perceived as engines of economic growth—post pandemic two other engines, inclusivity and sustainability are increasingly being taken notice of. For more details on the event, click [here](#).



New Partnerships

The Infant, Toddler and Caregiver – Friendly Neighbourhoods (ITCN) Training and Capacity Building programme at NIUA signed an MoU with CEPT Research Development Foundation on 29 September. The purpose of this collaboration is to develop and deliver Training to Trainers (ToT) for the ITCN Training and Capacity Building Programme, and create a pool of trainers to mainstream the ITCN perspective at neighbourhood level.