In April 2020, after the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, NIUA launched a dedicated web page on “Indian Urban Pandemic Preparedness and Response” under the SMARTNET initiative, wherein interactive GIS Applications, consolidated Knowledge Products related to COVID-19 were published. It also consists of maps, resources, events and useful links that can be used by the urban professional practitioners as a reference to study the current COVID situation across India. For more information click [here](#).

**FSSM Training for Manipur officials**

NIUA in collaboration with the Ecosan Services Foundation conducted a three day online training programme on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) for ULB officials from Manipur. Through this training, 50 ULB officials were trained through this intervention.

**Workshop on Spatial and Urban Data Analytics**

NIUA and the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR) signed a joint declaration of intent to cooperate on different aspects of evidence-based research and expert positioning as well as policy advice. As a part of this cooperation, a virtual joint workshop was held on 9 December to present the findings of the joint research and discuss the next phase of action by the two organizations.

**One-day Event on Tactical Urbanism was held in Dehradun**

Tactical Urbanism exercise is an effective mechanism to prototype and test different aspects of child friendly streets and spaces through a series of interventions. In this regard, CITIIS team at NIUA supported Dehradun Smart City Limited in organizing an event on 18 December paving the way for making Dehradun a child friendly city.

**Winners of Re-Imagining Urban Rivers : A Sponsored Thesis Competition**

NMCG and NIUA jointly organized a competition to promulgate river-sensitive development. The review panel selected nine students. The details of the selected entries can be found [here](#).

**Webinar on Urban Life with COVID**

NIUA’s faculty, Prof. Debolina Kundu was invited as a speaker for the “Back to the City” webinar organized by GIZ and CEPT University. The webinar’s objective was to promote COVID safe distancing protocols in cities and learn from the experiences of key city stakeholders.

**OPPORTUNITY CALENDAR**

**Job Openings:** Apply [here](#)
- Program Manager, NULP. Last Date: 31 December, 2020
- Program Intern, NULP. Last Date: 31 December, 2020
- Tech Lead-City Investments To Innovate, Integrate & Sustain (CITIIS). Last Date: 10 January, 2021