NIUA Launches Guidelines on River-Sensitive Master Plans

NIUA and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) jointly launched the Strategic Guidelines for Making River-Sensitive Master Plans on 20 June. The event was presided by Shri. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of Jal Shakti. Along with other senior officials, Dr. Victor Shinde, Sector Coordinator for Water and Environment and Team Lead, NIUA were present on the occasion. The guidelines elaborate on seven tools that can be used to address river-related challenges in urban planning. To read the complete guidelines, click here.

Shri. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Director General NMCG and Dr. Victor Shinde, jointly authored an article Indian Cities Need River-Sensitive Master Plans in the Hindustan Times that highlights how the guidelines on river-sensitive planning help urban planners to enhance the river-city interaction more sustainably. To read the complete article, click here.

Seven Tools to Address River-Related Challenges:

1. Localising National Policies and Initiatives that have a bearing on river conservation, development and management.
2. Town-specific Sectoral Strategies for issue-specific consideration of river management within the planning process.
3. Land Use Assessment for delineating the river zone, assigning land use & use zone categories and prescribing permissible & non-permissible activities.
4. Development Control Regulations for FAR, ground coverage and height restrictions in the river zone.
5. Norms and Standards for prohibiting polluting and detrimental activities that have an impact on the river.
6. Recommendations and Directions for defining action and interventions on river management.
7. Special Projects for enhancing the citizen-river connect.

NIUA Launches Inclusive Cities Centre on 45th Anniversary

NIUA launched the Inclusive Cities Centre on 29 June, as one of the events to mark the 45th Anniversary of the Institute. A webinar Inclusive Cities-Approaches for making Indian Cities More Accessible, Safe and Inclusive for ALL was organised to deliberate on the need for an integrated approach to reduce inequalities and improve the liveability of the marginalised and vulnerable sections. To watch the complete video of the webinar, click here.

"The narrative of inclusion is incomplete without the visibility of persons with disabilities. Internalising the differences in accessibility and facilities is one step towards inclusivity."
- Mamta Kohli, Senior Social Development Advisor, FCDO

"Women’s access to cities is equivalent to their visibility in public spaces, one which is not controlled by patriarchal policing or fear of violence in public spaces."
- Kalpana Vishwanath, Co-founder & CEO, Safetipin

"The Inclusive Cities Centre aims to Evolve, Engage, and Empower to make equitable, sustainable and Inclusive cities."
- Ajay Suri, Senior Advisor-Inclusive Development, Head ICC

"Defining Inclusive Cities within the Indian context is critical, particularly by aligning them with SDGs and ensuring that no one is left behind."
- Hitesh Vaidya, Director, NIUA

Integrated Planning is key to developing Climate Resilient Cities: Debjani Ghosh

Morgenstadt Global Smart City Initiative organised a webinar, Integrated Planning for Climate Resilient Cities on 11 June. Dr. Debjani Ghosh, Team Lead-MGSCI, NIUA highlighted that each city has its unique requirements for achieving climate resilience. Integrated planning helps achieve this, and ‘learning by doing’ is the best approach to accomplish this. To download complete presentation, click here.

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