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Dear readers,

We have just returned from the World Urban Forum that was held in Katowice, Poland and are happy to report significant developments from the event. Apart from presenting our impactful work at various sessions, we also launched ICLEI South Asia's annual report. A detailed article with all the highlights from the Forum is included in this edition.

Among the key developments in our projects, we recently inaugurated a nature interpretation zone in Kochi to raise awareness about the various ecosystems in the city and the biodiversity they have. The zone, developed under the INTERACT-Bio project, which is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety through the International Climate Initiative, was inaugurated by Honourable Mayor of Kochi, Adv. M. Anil Kumar. As part of the same project, Illustrated Natural Asset Maps of Jammu and Srinagar were released by Honourable Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Mr. Manoj Sinha on the occasion of World Environment Day. The maps aim to communicate the significance and need to conserve urban biodiversity.

Mr. Sinha, along with state Chief Secretary Mr. A.K. Mehta, also released the Urban Systems Gap Analysis reports prepared for the cities of Srinagar and Jammu. These reports are the first steps towards the preparation of Climate Resilient City Action Plans for Srinagar and Jammu, which will help the two cities as well as the state of Jammu and Kashmir to stride towards low-carbon, climate resilient development and attain carbon neutrality.

We also organised workshops for the Municipal Corporations of Delhi and Meerut, under the Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action project, on enhancing green cover to reduce air pollution. The project

is being supported by the Clean Air Fund. Under the Climate Development and Knowledge Network programme, we released a policy brief on climate resilience planning in Nepal and also launched the Voluntary Local Review report prepared for Singra, Bangladesh.

Building on the success of our Building Energy Accelerator project, we have launched a new project in Nagpur to advance decarbonisation of buildings. All these developments are featured in this edition.

Don't miss out on our Hindi blog. Happy reading!

Latest developments

ICLEI South Asia Showcases Work on Climate Resilience, Heat Solutions at World Urban Forum

ICLEI South Asia marked its presence at the 11th World Urban Forum, held in Katowice, Poland, by participating in key sessions and showcasing its impactful work in sustainable urban development. Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI, and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia, gave presentations on ICLEI South Asia's work in sessions that were attended by senior representatives from governments, civil society and the private sector from across the globe.



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CapaCITIES Session at WUF Brings Project Impact, Rajkot's Climate Actions into Focus

A session on 'Transforming Our Cities for a Climate Resilient Future' was organised by the National Institute for Urban Affairs and the CapaCITIES project at the 11th World Urban Forum. Among several speakers, Mr. Emani Kumar spoke about the climate action plans and strategies that have been developed under the CapaCITIES project, as well as the Phase 1 achievements, while Rajkot's Mayor Honourable Dr. Pradip Dav described various initiatives being taken in the city under the same project.

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Narayanganj City Commends Climate Initiatives under Urban-LEDS II

Honourable Mayor of Narayanganj city, Bangladesh, Dr. Salina Hayat Ivy commended the initiatives being taken by ICLEI South Asia in the city, including the development of the Climate Resilient City Action Plan (CRCAP), during a high-level meeting organised by the city corporation on the 14th of June. Narayanganj's CRCAP was developed under the Urban-LEDS II project.



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Illustrated Natural Asset Maps for Jammu and Srinagar Released

Honourable Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Mr. Manoj Sinha released the Illustrated Natural Asset maps of the cities of Jammu and Srinagar on the occasion of World Environment Day on the 5th of June 2022. The maps have been developed under the INTERACT-Bio project to help people understand the significance and need to conserve urban biodiversity.

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Feasibility Study on Using Green-Grey Infrastructure for Canal Restoration

ICLEI South Asia is developing a feasibility study on the use of green-grey infrastructure for the restoration of a canal in Kochi, in partnership with Bechtel and Swiss Re. The project is being funded by the Swiss Re Foundation.

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Kochi's Nature Interpretation Zone Raises Awareness about City Ecosystems

Honourable Mayor of Kochi Adv M Anil Kumar inaugurated a nature interpretation zone in Subhash Bose Park, Kochi, on the 14th of June 2022. The zone aims to raise awareness among visitors about the various ecosystems in Kochi and their biodiversity. A handbook on trees of Fort Kochi and Mattancherry was also released.

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Framework Document on Climate Action Plan Released for Jammu, Srinagar

Honourable Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Mr. Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Mr. A.K. Mehta released the Urban Systems Gap Analysis reports prepared for the cities of Srinagar and Jammu, on the occasion of World Environment Day 2022. These reports are the first steps towards the preparation of Climate Resilient City Action Plans for Srinagar and Jammu, which will help the two cities as well as the state of Jammu and Kashmir to stride towards low- carbon, climate resilient development and attain carbon neutrality.



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Nagpur Initiates New Project to Advance Decarbonisation of Buildings

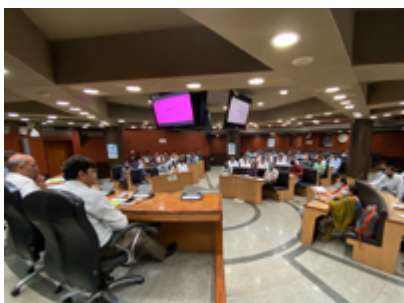
Nagpur has joined the Zero Carbon Buildings Accelerator (ZCBZ) programme to advance its goals and actions on decarbonisation of buildings. Nagpur's Action Plan will support the ZCBA programme's goal, which will also help reduce emissions, generate green jobs, and improve quality of life. The programme is being funded by the Global Environment Facility and supported by the United Nations Environment Programme.

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Singra Municipality Launches Voluntary Local Review Report

The Voluntary Local Review report of Singra city, Bangladesh, developed by ICLEI South Asia, was launched on the 28th of June 2022. The VLR has been developed to advance the city's efforts to localise the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Clean Air Project: Workshops Highlight Role of Green Cover in Cutting Air Pollution

ICLEI South Asia organised consultation workshops for the Municipal Corporations of Delhi and Meerut to help them enhance green cover to reduce air pollution, under the Building City Leadership on Clean Air project, supported by the Clean Air Fund. The project team plans to conduct similar training sessions in Gurugram.

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CDKN Policy Brief: Climate Resilience Planning in Nepal

ICLEI South Asia and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development have jointly developed a policy brief titled 'Climate Resilience Planning in Mountainous Regions in Nepal' under the Climate Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) programme. The policy brief assesses the challenges in undertaking local climate mitigation and adaptation actions in Nepal's municipalities.

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प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र, माछला मगरा पर एक दिन



गुरुवार सुबह का दृश्य। स्थान- प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र, माछला मगरा। कतार में १०-१२ मरीज़ खड़े हैं। कुछ महिलाओं की गोद में छोटे बच्चे हैं तो एक दो महिलाओं की अंगुली थामे नौनिहाल भी कतार का आनंद ले रहे हैं। बैठने के लिए कुछ बेंच लगी हुई हैं, पर एक दो बुजुर्गों के अलावा लगभग सभी खड़े हैं। अन्दर डॉ. प्रेरणा भार्गव तसल्ली से पूरा वक़्त लेते हुए हर एक मरीज़ और बच्चे की जांच कर रही हैं। भवन में दायीं ओर बच्चों का टीकाकरण हो रहा है। वहां वत्सला जी बच्चों को दुलारते हुए टीका लगा रही है और “ममता कार्ड” में उसको दर्ज करते हुए बच्चे के सही खान पान, लालन पालन की बात करते हुए अगले टीके की दिनांक बता रही हैं। साथ ही में निःशुल्क दवाइयों की दुकान है, जहाँ से बच्चों के लिए विटामिन सीरप सहित अन्य दवाई मिल रही है।

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Events

Smart Grid Technology Application



The Asia LEDS Partnership is pleased to collaborate with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Chinese Taipei for a session on Smart Grid Technology Application. Listen to the experiences of the Chinese Taipei Energy Bureau on their smart meter application to reduce consumer electricity consumption and improve the efficiency of energy utilisation.

Date: 12th of July 2022 (Tuesday)

Time: 11:30-12:30 IST; 13:00-14:00 (Bangkok time);
14:00-15:00 (CST).

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Weather Information Application Service in Green Energy Operations

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Date: 14th of July 2022 (Thursday)

Time: 11:30-12:30 IST; 13:00-14:00 (Bangkok time);
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ICLEI firmly believes that sustainable cities are the foundation of a just and sustainable world. We create systemic change in urban areas through practical, integrated solutions and spark city-to-city and city-to-region connections. ICLEI brings a strong urban component to national and global sustainability policy and translates global policy into action. Through our collective efforts, ICLEI is building a sustainable urban world to shift the trajectory of global development.

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