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Dear friends,

Our offices are always abuzz with activities and the month of July was no different. We organised several meetings, webinars and workshops focusing on relevant areas such as waste management, climate resilience and electric buses, in which experts from South Asia and beyond spoke on wide-ranging topics and brought fresh insights.

In an important development, ICLEI South Asia is supporting the Government of Malaysia in the development of Green City Action Plans (GCAPs) for Malaysian cities as lead technical partner to the Asian Development Bank, with support from ICLEI Southeast Asia and the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand-Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Joint Business Council Malaysia. The GCAP programme was kicked off at an event held in Langkawi, Malaysia, in July and was attended by over 200 delegates, including ministers, ambassadors, CEOs, councillors, policy planners, development professionals and civil society representatives. We are proud to be associated with this programme that supports Malaysia's commitment to be a carbon-neutral nation by 2050 and also the Sustainable Development Goals.

This edition also has details about our joint efforts with the city of Gurugram in the Delhi-National Capital Region to design strategies to reduce air pollution; and insights from webinars on Chinese Taipei's decarbonisation efforts and on the challenges in making a transition towards electric buses. There are also details of meetings held with officials from Nepal's National Planning Commission and local governments, among other updates. I hope you enjoy reading the blogs too, including the one in Hindi.

As India marks 75 years of independence this month, I wish all our Indian readers a very happy Independence Day. We remain committed

as ever to contribute towards the overall development of our region as we celebrate this major milestone.

Happy reading!

Latest developments

ICLEI to Support Malaysia in Preparing Green City Action Plans

ICLEI South Asia, in partnership with ICLEI Southeast Asia, will support the Government of Malaysia in developing Green City Action Plans (GCAPs) for Malaysian cities, as lead technical partner to the Asian Development Bank and the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand-Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Joint Business Council Malaysia. The GCAP program will engage and mobilise several stakeholders to promote low-carbon and climate-resilient interventions in Malaysian cities.



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Transitioning towards Electric Buses: Dialogue Highlights Financial, Operational Challenges

Under the first City Dialogue for India organised under the TUMI E-Bus Mission City Network, experts from the electric vehicle sector in India and across the globe, as well as city officials from Surat and Kochi spoke on the operational challenges in making the transition towards electric buses.

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Survey Assesses Gaps in Waste Management in Bihar's Gram Panchayats

A survey was conducted in 10 gram panchayats of four districts of Bihar to assess the domestic solid waste management system, identify gaps in terms of legal compliance, manpower, infrastructure requirement, technology, and operations and management services, as well as institutional capacities and training needs, among others.



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Workshop on Waste Management Focuses on Extended Producer Responsibility

The Project Management Unit of the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company organised a workshop on 'Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in plastics and packaging waste' jointly with GIZ India in the state. It focused on



policy compliance and traceability, stakeholder mapping and accountability of relevant stakeholders, plastics material flow, and financial flows in EPR.

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Webinars Showcase Use of Smart Tech in Chinese Taipei's Decarbonisation Efforts

The Asia LEDS Partnership and Chinese Taipei co-hosted two webinars on smart grid technology application and weather information application service in green energy operations. The webinars highlighted the experience of Chinese Taipei in smart meter deployment, advanced metering infrastructure systems and data applications, and in promoting value-added application of meteorological information.

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For a Breath of Fresh Air: Support to Gurugram to Enhance Tree Cover

A consultation meeting was held with senior officials from the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram, Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority and the Haryana Forest Department to discuss the methods for enhancing green cover to reduce air pollution and the various challenges faced by the city in tree plantation initiatives.

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SDGs Localisation: KAS, ICLEI South Asia Explore Opportunities in Nepal

Mr. Andreas Michael Klein, Director, Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation (KAS) Singapore, and ICLEI South Asia staff held several meetings with representatives from Nepal's National Planning Commission, Kathmandu Metropolitan City, and the Municipal Association of Nepal. KAS and ICLEI South Asia are jointly exploring opportunities to accelerate the implementation and localisation of Sustainable Development Goals, while building the capacities of elected representatives in Nepal.

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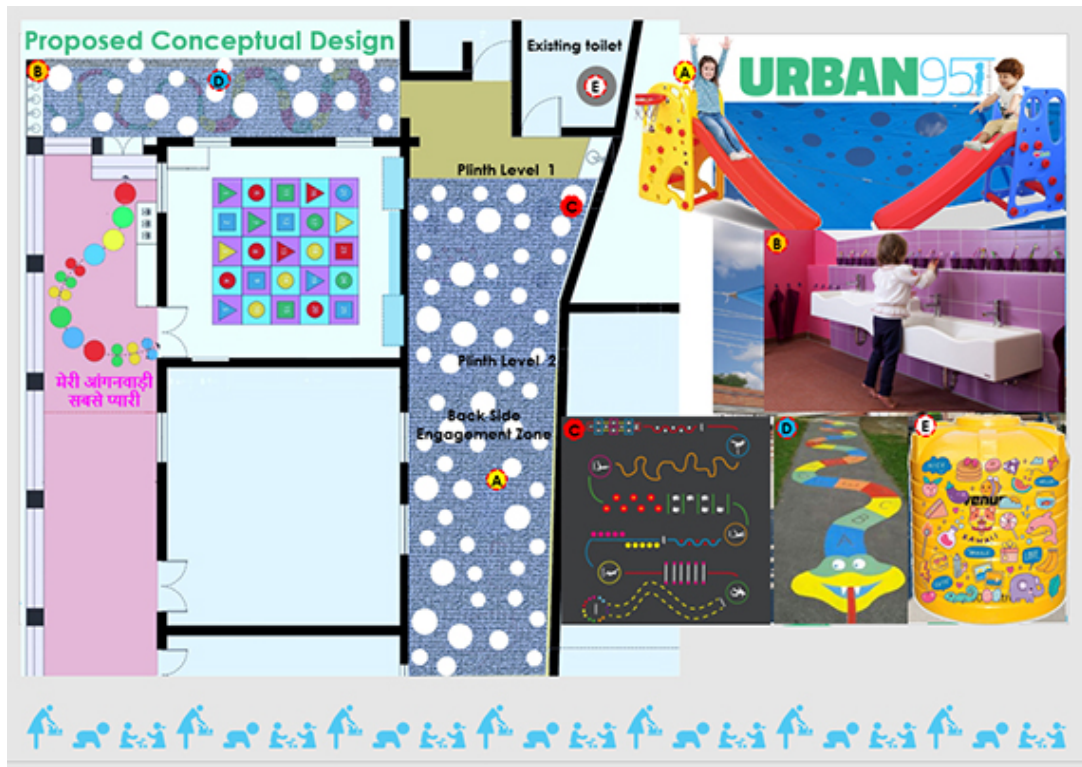
Behind the scenes



VILLAGE VOICES: Project staff get down to brass tacks with local people and the district consultant of the Lohiya Swachh Bihar Mission in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, to get an understanding of the waste management sector in gram panchayats, as part of a survey under the Preparation of Bihar State Waste Sector GHG Emissions Inventory and Action Plan, funded by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation.

बेहतर बचपन के लिए तैयार हो रहा शहर

उदयपुर के आंगनवाड़ी केंद्र और प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र बनेंगे मॉडल



उदयपुर शहर के आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्रों और प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों (पी.एच. सी.) के दिन फिरने वाले हैं। ये केंद्र जल्दी ही किसी सर्व-सुविधायुक्त निजी प्ले स्कूल और अस्पतालों को टक्कर देते नज़र आयेंगे। इन केन्द्रों पर आते समय अभिभावक और बच्चे न किसी प्रकार की सुविधाओं में कमी पायेंगे और न ही सुई से डरेंगे। नगर निगम, उदयपुर अपने परिधि क्षेत्र के आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्रों और पी. एच. सी. को ५ साल तक के बच्चों के लिए चाइल्ड फ्रेंडली और सभी आवश्यक सुविधाओं से युक्त बनाने जा रहा है। इसकी शुरुआत मनोहरपुरा आंगनवाड़ी केंद्र और माछला मगरा पी.एच. सी. से हो रही है।

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Blogs

Are Heatwaves the New Normal?

Heatwaves are growing more prevalent across the globe, and intense heat waves are becoming more frequent. Sumanjali Mummana analyses the implications and the way forward.

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Events



Asia Clean Mobility High Ambition Leadership Group 2nd Roundtable Dialogue

The Asia Clean Mobility High Ambition Leadership Group Second Roundtable Dialogue will be hosted by NITI Aayog and organised by LEDSGP, Asia LEDSGP Partnership, the US Department of State and SLOCAT Partnership. Its objective is to converge on new impact areas on the foundation of a non-binding, regional collaboration plan that aims to decarbonise transport

and enhance sustainable economic development.

Date: 6th & 7th of September 2022

Venue: New Delhi, India

International Conference on Local Governance and Leadership: Global Challenges and Experiences

The Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance, under the State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Affairs, is organising its first ever International Conference on Local Governance and Leadership. To register, send an email to: iclg@slilg.gov.lk.



Date: 5th & 6th of October 2022

Venue: Colombo, Sri Lanka

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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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