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Dear readers,

We are proud to announce a significant impact of our activities under our Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi-National Capital Region project, supported by the Clean Air Fund. Arihant Nagar, a locality in West Delhi, has been selected as a 'zero-waste colony' by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, following our awareness drive on waste management there. The locality also received an award from Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena in this regard on the 2nd of September 2022.

The colony is one of two locations where we have been actively working on a "Moving Towards Zero Waste" initiative, to encourage waste segregation at source. Among several activities in August, we organised a group discussion for domestic workers, which focused on the importance of waste segregation, the deleterious environmental impacts of waste, and possible options for practising the 3Rs (recycle, reuse, reduce), among other issues.

As part of our biodiversity conservation work, we are conducting a survey of the grass species in the grasslands of Goa, and are supporting the city of Udaipur in developing its Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

We also organised a workshop last month to highlight and discuss opportunities, drivers, and challenges in deploying battery energy storage systems to support sustainable energy use and deployment of electric vehicles. There are reports on all these initiatives in this edition, in addition to a report of our joint activities with ICLEI Southeast Asia under the Developing Plastic Waste-free Cities programme by the Alliance to End Plastic Waste (AEPW), as well as our regular Hindi blog.

Moreover, we are partnering in the UNDRR [Making Cities Resilient 2030](#) campaign - which supports cities on their journey to reduce risk and build resilience. We request cities in Asia and the Pacific region to join the campaign and participate in the change. To identify partners for resilience actions and for more information, please reach out to us at shruti.sadhukhan@iclei.org.

Thank you, as always, for being with us!

Latest developments

ICLEI South Asia Impact: Locality Declared Zero-Waste Community after Awareness Drive

A locality in West Delhi has been selected as a 'zero-waste colony' by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, following an awareness drive on waste management by ICLEI South Asia under the Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi-National Capital Region project. Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi, Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena also presented an award to the locality recently, in recognition of the waste management efforts taken by the local people.



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Stakeholders Provide Insights, Possible Plastic Waste Management Strategies

ICLEI South Asia and ICLEI Southeast Asia jointly organised consultation meetings in Iloilo City, the Philippines; Jambi City, Indonesia; and Iskandar, Malaysia during the March-July period this year, to better address their plastic waste problems under the Developing Plastic Waste-free Cities programme.

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Biodiversity Action Plan for Udaipur: Stakeholders Discuss Importance of Ecosystem Services

The first stakeholder consultation towards developing the Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan of Udaipur city, under the CapaCITIES-II project, was held in August. The concept of ecosystem services and its applications were discussed, with the participants engaging in an activity to think critically about the city's ecosystems.



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Project Documents Diversity of Grass Species in



Goa's Grasslands

A project to document the diversity of grass species in Goa has been initiated to help the State Forest Department understand how to improve the quality of grasslands. After the survey, ICLEI South Asia will analyse the compiled list to identify the native species and their palatability.

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Workshop Highlights Benefits of Scaling Up Energy Storage Applications

The final workshop of the Strategies for Enabling Energy Storage in Indian Cities project was held in Ahmedabad to share the analysis of the utility of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in five identified use-cases. The project was aimed at exploring and identifying specific use-cases and applications for BESS, particularly to support the renewable energy and electric vehicle transition in Surat and Rajkot.



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अर्बन95 ग्लोबल टीम ने शहर को “वाइल्डफ्रेंडली” बनाने की देखी संभावनाएं

अर्बन95 नीदरलैंड से आये विषय विशेषज्ञों ने शहर का किया दौरा



नगर निगम द्वारा बर्नार्ड वेन लीयर फाउंडेशन और इकली- साउथ एशिया तथा इकोरस इंडिया के सहयोग से शहर को बच्चों के लिए सहज, सुन्दर, सुगम और सुरक्षित बनाने के उद्देश्य से चलाई जा रही “अर्बन 95” परियोजना के अंतर्गत नीदरलैंड्स से आई तकनीकी विशेषज्ञों की टीम ने शहर का दौरा किया। १२-१३ अगस्त को आयोजित इस दौरे के दौरान टीम ने शहर के उद्यानों, सड़कों, आंगनवाड़ी और प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों आदि का जायजा लिया।

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Announcements

Join the MCR2030 Campaign

ICLEI South Asia invites cities in Asia and the Pacific region to [join the UNDRR Making Cities Resilient \(MCR\) 2030 campaign](#). The MCR2030 is a unique cross-stakeholder initiative for improving local resilience through advocacy, sharing knowledge and experiences, establishing mutually reinforcing city-to-city learning networks, injecting technical expertise, connecting multiple layers of government, and building partnerships. Join other cities on a pathway to resilience – making the city safer, preventing risks, and promoting innovation and investments.



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Events



Workshop Series on Urban Flooding - C40 Cities

In the last two decades, cities in South and West Asia have been experiencing increased incidences of extreme weather events such as urban flooding. In this context, C40's South and West Asian Region is organising a two-part virtual Workshop Series on Urban Flooding, focusing on first-response and reduction measures, with the aim of boosting knowledge sharing and cross-learning among cities.

Workshop 1: First Response to Urban Flooding

Date: 22nd of September 2022, 3-4.30 PM IST
Register here: <https://shorturl.at/INQ06>

Workshop 2: Urban Flood Reduction Measures

Date: 29th of September 2022, 4-5.30 PM IST
Register here: <https://shorturl.at/hnvxy>

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ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network working with more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.

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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