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Dear readers,

A warm welcome to this October edition! A lot has been happening this past month, and we have got it summed up nicely. We organised several activities to mark the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies, as part of our initiatives to spread awareness about the challenge posed by air pollution, and the measures that are needed to reduce it. In Delhi and Meerut, there were events to sensitise sanitation inspectors and children about the issue, in addition to a meeting with senior government officials in Delhi on capacity building and public outreach.

In a related project activity, we organised a training for horticulture officials of Municipal Corporation of Delhi on addressing air pollution through reforestation and low-cost interventions for ecological restoration.

Our commitment to promote electric mobility received new boost with the handing over of 18 electric cargo three-wheelers to Kochi city, with Hon'ble Justice of Kerala High Court, Shri Devan Ramachandran and Hon'ble Mayor, Adv. M. Anil Kumar doing the honours. We also supported a cycling event organised by Decathlon Goa in North Goa, to promote sustainable mobility, fitness and healthy living.

As GHG Platform India Initiative's (GHGPI) technical lead for the waste sector, we contributed to the development of the greenhouse gas emission estimates from the sector. GHGPI held a workshop last month to release these estimates, as well as those from the sectors of energy, industry, agriculture, forest and other land use.

We also have, in this edition, a report on the second roundtable dialogue of the Asia Clean Mobility High Ambition Leadership Group,

and our Hindi blog, which looks at the opening of India's first Child Priority Zone in Udaipur as part of the Urban95 initiative.

We hope you find this edition informative, and we welcome your feedback!

Latest developments

Clean Air for Blue Skies: Activities Put Focus on Air Pollution in National Capital Region

Several awareness activities were conducted in Delhi and Meerut to mark the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. They were organised as part of the ongoing project, Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in the Delhi-National Capital Region to highlight the need to reduce air pollution. The project is being supported by the Clean Air Fund.



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Building City Leadership: Training Focuses on Ecological Restoration to Enhance Air Quality

ICLEI South Asia and the Department of Horticulture, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, organised an on-site training for city horticulture officials at Yamuna Biodiversity Park. It focused on addressing air pollution through reforestation and low-cost interventions for ecological restoration.

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Catch Them Young: Awareness Event for Students Highlights Challenge of Air Pollution

The Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC) conducted an awareness programme on air pollution on 6th September 2022. The event was targeted towards students and took place at the Government Higher Secondary School, Ashok Nagar, Chennai, on the eve of the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.



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High Ambition Leadership Group: Regional Hub to Work towards Zero-Emission Transport Vision

The second roundtable dialogue of the Asia Clean Mobility High Ambition Leadership Group was organised in New Delhi. The dialogue focused on creating a regional cooperation hub to achieve a transition towards net-zero emissions in transport systems.



through common technical trainings, peer learnings and collaboration.

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Latest Estimates of India's Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Key Sectors to Help Track Trends, Inform Climate Actions

GHG Platform India hosted a workshop in Delhi to release the latest estimates of greenhouse gas emissions and to discuss their trajectory and the role of states in India's 'Net-Zero by 2070' journey. ICLEI South Asia led the development of estimates for the Waste sector, encompassing GHG emissions from municipal solid waste, domestic wastewater and industrial wastewater.



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Goa 'Cyclothon' Promotes Sustainable Mobility

ICLEI South Asia extended support to a 50 km cycling event organised by sporting goods retailer Decathlon Goa. The 'cyclothon' was held in North Goa to create awareness about sustainable mobility, fitness, and healthy living, as part of the company's Sports Utsav 2022.

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EcoLogistics: Electric Light Commercial Vehicles Set to Curb Emissions from Urban Logistics Sector in Kochi

In a key development that will boost Kochi city's efforts to decarbonise its urban logistics sector, 18 electric cargo three-wheelers were inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice of Kerala High Court, Shri Devan Ramachandran and Hon'ble Mayor Adv. M. Anil Kumar at an event recently. The initiative was organised under ICLEI South Asia's EcoLogistics project, which is supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action through the International Climate Initiative.



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मुस्कुराते तारें.... जमीन पर

महापौर ने किया देश के पहले “अर्बन95 चाइल्ड प्रायोरिटी ज़ोन” के प्रथम चरण का उद्घाटन



मौका था शहर में विकसित हो रहे चाइल्ड प्रायोरिटी ज़ोन के पहले चरण के उद्घाटन का। यहाँ बच्चे बिना किसी रोक-टोक के अपनी कल्पना के अनुसार रचनात्मक कार्य कर रहे थे और खूब खेल रहे थे।

उदयपुर के अशोक नगर स्थित हनुमान पार्क क्षेत्र में नगर निगम द्वारा बर्नार्ड वेन लीयर फाउंडेशन, इकली साउथ एशिया और इकोरस इंडिया के साझे में संचालित अर्बन95 प्रोजेक्ट के अंतर्गत विकसित किये जा रहे चाइल्ड प्रायोरिटी ज़ोन के पहले चरण का उद्घाटन महापौर गोविन्द सिंह टांक ने किया। इस दौरान बर्नार्ड वेन लीयर फाउंडेशन की इंडिया रिप्रेजेंटेटिव रुश्दा मजीद, उपमहापौर पारस सिंघवी, अधिशाषी अभियंता शशिबाला सहित अनेक अधिकारी उपस्थित थे।

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Events



Sustainable Electrification of Mobility in Indian Cities

This workshop will be held as part of ICLEI South Asia's initiatives that focus on building the leadership of cities towards developing low-carbon freight and electrification of shared mobility in India.

Date: 13th - 14th October 2022

Venue: Viceroy Hall, The Claridges, New Delhi

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