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Dear Readers,

As we delve into the world of sustainability, let us take a moment to reflect on recent events, which serve as a powerful testament to the urgency of our actions.

In June, a remarkable weather event unfolded in the South Asian region. Cyclone Biparjoy made history by simultaneously ushering in the monsoon to both Delhi and Mumbai on June 25, an unprecedented occurrence in over six decades. This highlights the evolving nature of weather patterns and underscores the importance of adapting to these changes and building climate resilience for the well-being of our communities.

At the recently concluded Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB58), I had the privilege of joining global leaders in discussing climate action. Progress was made in the global stock take discussions, reflecting our collective efforts to understand and mitigate climate impacts. However, contentious issues such as historical responsibility and finance continue to pose challenges to strengthening climate actions. It is clear that dialogue and collaboration remain vital in finding common ground.

Addressing the financial aspect of climate change, the Summit for a New Global Financing Pact in Paris drew attention to the lack of funding flowing to poor and vulnerable countries battling a myriad of interconnected crises. This spotlight on the scale of these challenges highlights the urgent need for comprehensive solutions and equitable support to tackle these complex issues effectively. Amidst these challenges, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to tackle climate change has emerged as a prominent topic of discussion. The intersection of technology and sustainability presents an exciting frontier in our

pursuit of a greener future. At ICLEI South Asia, we embrace innovation, exemplified by initiatives like the development of the unique Zero Carbon Building Action Plan for Nagpur and the implementation of Green City Action Plans (GCAPs) for 14 Malaysian cities, showcasing our commitment to transformative approaches.

In this edition of our e-news, you will find insightful articles that highlight the impactful work done by ICLEI South Asia. These stories narrate innovative approaches, fostered collaborations, and the meaningful changes we are driving. In our quest for a resilient planet, let us stay informed, inspire each other, and take action wherever we can.

Warm Regards!

## Latest developments

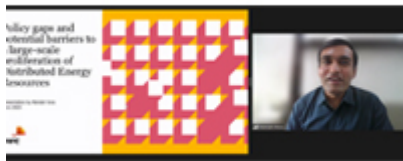
### Nagpur Charts One-of-a-Kind Green Path to Zero-Carbon Buildings

Nagpur has developed a remarkable Zero Carbon Building Action Plan that will help the city to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions being released during the lifecycle of buildings. The Action Plan has been developed as part of the Zero Carbon Buildings Accelerator Programme, being implemented by the Nagpur Municipal Corporation and the Nagpur Smart and Sustainable City Development Corporation Limited, with ICLEI South Asia providing technical assistance.



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### Webinar Highlights Evolving Opportunities for Distributed Energy Resources



The Asia LEDS Partnership's Grid Renewable Energy Community of Practice organised a webinar that highlighted the impact of distributed energy resources on power systems, and the policy gaps and potential barriers that exist for their large-scale proliferation.

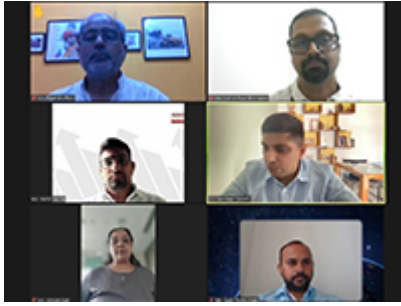
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### Udaipur Marks World Environment Day with Climate Week Initiative

The Udaipur Municipal Corporation and Mission LiFE, supported by the CapaCITIES project, organised a 'Climate Week' to mark World Environment Day. A series of impactful activities and workshops focusing on various aspects of climate action and environmental sustainability were held during the week.



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## Stakeholder Collaboration is Key to Transforming E-Rickshaw Ecosystem

ICLEI South Asia conducted a webinar that highlighted the necessity for collaborative efforts by stakeholders with regard to regulatory actions, financial business models, vehicle design improvements, and the adoption of sustainable technologies to transform the e-rickshaw ecosystem in India.

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## CapaCITIES: Rajkot Promotes Electric Autorickshaws under Green Mobility Programme

Under the CapaCITIES project, supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), ICLEI South Asia in collaboration with the Rajkot Municipal Corporation, has launched the "Rajkot Green Mobility Programme" to promote sustainable mobility and encourage the adoption of e-autos.



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## Conference Underlines City Networks' Role in Building Sustainable Food Systems

The development of sustainable urban food systems and sharing of knowledge and city experiences in comprehensive food system planning were the focal issues of the "International Conference on Urban Food Futures: Asian Perspectives", organised in Dhaka. Participating in the event, ICLEI South Asia reiterated how its network, resources and expertise in Bangladesh could play a pivotal role in the development of safe and sustainable urban food systems.

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## Urban20 Manthan: Webinar Focuses on Actions for Improving Environmentally Responsive Behaviour

ICLEI South Asia and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) jointly organised a webinar on 27 June 2023, to promote environmental responsiveness as part of the ongoing Urban20 Manthan webinar series.



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## शहरों को चाइल्ड फ्रेंडली बनाने में स्थानीय निकायों की भूमिका



भारत बहुत तेज़ी से शहरीकरण की ओर बढ़ रहा है। बेहतर आजीविका और बेहतर ज़िन्दगी के लिए बड़े स्तर पर लोग शहरों में आकर बस रहे हैं। शहरों का आबादी घनत्व जिस तेज़ी से बढ़ रहा है; उतनी ही तेज़ी से शहरों के ढांचागत विकास में भी तेज़ी आ रही है। लोगों की बेहतर जीवन शैली के लिए बेहतर आवास, शहरी सुविधाएं और आवागमन के साधन देना नगरीय निकायों की प्राथमिकता हो गयी है। शहरों में बढ़ रही इस आबादी में छोटे बच्चों की भी बड़ी संख्या है। ऐसे में शहरों का ढांचागत निर्माण उन्हें भी प्रभावित करता है। प्रारम्भिक बचपन के विकास पर भौतिक वातावरण; जैसे पड़ोस और मोहल्ले, सार्वजनिक स्थान, पार्क, सीखने के स्थान आदि के प्रभाव को समझना भी आवश्यक है।

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## Events



### Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi-National Capital Region

Join us for a workshop to discuss the learnings from the Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi-NCR project, and the way forward for improving air quality.

Follow our social media channels for more updates!

**Date:** 25 July 2023

**Time:** 10:00 AM (IST)

## More from ICLEI across the globe

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- [Cities and Subnational Make Their Case for Multilevel Climate Action at the Kick-off of Daring Cities 2023](#)

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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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