

[View this email in your browser](#)



E-Newsletter - April 2024



Dear friends,

It's not yet summer in South Asia and there are already reports of serious water stress in several parts of the region. This distress is the culmination of decades of haphazard development, administrative neglect, and the relentless impact of climate change, all of which are exacting a heavy toll on local communities.

ICLEI South Asia has been working to address these challenges for several years, working closely with city governments to enhance urban water management strategies. Our initiatives span a wide spectrum, such as the creation of the IUWM toolkit aimed at integrating water management across various sectors in Indian cities and the implementation of the IAdapt project focused on catchment-level water resource management in Vijayawada and Solapur. Currently, we are promoting water security in the tea gardens of North Bengal, and planning integration of water and stormwater management into the Green City Action Plans that are being developed for Malaysian cities, among numerous other projects.

In this edition, we discuss some of our work in water and waste management, in the context of the World Water Day and the International Day of Zero Waste that were observed recently. Notably, Honourable Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Nitish Kumar, last month unveiled a comprehensive draft of the "Climate Resilient and Low Carbon Development Pathway for the state of Bihar," in which ICLEI South Asia has made a

Subscribe

Past Issues

detailed assessment of the state's waste and wastewater sectors.

Translate ▼

We also have special stories on the events we organised as part of capacity building for climate-resilient development planning in Malaysia, climate finance mobilisation strategies for the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy member cities in South Asia, and for evaluating essential ecosystem services provided by the natural habitats in Noida.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Exciting developments are on the horizon in the coming months, so please stay connected with us on social media for all the latest updates. There is much to look forward to.

Emani Kumar

Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI and Executive Director, ICLEI South Asia

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Ensuring Water Security in Tea Gardens through Community-Led Action Plan

Against the backdrop of critical water shortages, exacerbated by climate change, ICLEI South Asia's latest project is a call to action to recognise the importance of water security in the tea plantations of Darjeeling and Kurseong in West Bengal. The project aims to address the water crisis being faced by the local communities by using traditional knowledge and community-led practices.



[Read More](#)

The IAdapt Way: Building Water Security with Community Collaboration

Read about ICLEI South Asia's initiatives such as IAdapt, and the RURBAN platform that showcased innovative and collaborative approaches to catchment-level water management and climate resilience. The initiatives helped promote participatory governance, sustainable management practices and comprehensive planning in catchment-level water management in the cities of Solapur and Vijayawada.



[Read More](#)

Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Development Charts Noida's Path to Ecological Harmony

A workshop on 'Nature's Benefits' facilitated several stakeholders to evaluate the essential ecosystem services provided by natural habitats in Noida. The workshop was held as part of a participatory process for the development of

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼

Noida's Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, which will not only document its baseline biodiversity, but also offer comprehensive conservation strategies.



[Read More](#)

Training Workshop in Kuching City Focuses on Key Aspects of Green City Action Plan

Malaysia's Kuching City held the inaugural training workshop for the development of its Green City Action Plan (GCAP), supported by the Asian Development Bank, making it the first training the city. Penang Island and Kota Bharu have already organised similar workshops, highlighting crucial elements of climate action planning such as GHG emissions inventory and climate impact assessments, and Langkawi Island City is set to host a similar session. ICLEI South Asia is supporting the development of GCAPs for these four Malaysian cities.



[Read More](#)

Webinar Unpacks Key Strategies for Accessing Climate Finance

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) South Asia organised a webinar on "Mobilising Climate Finance for Cities", in which strategies for effective climate reporting, essential for securing climate finance were shared. The session, supported by the European Union, aimed to empower cities to prepare high-quality applications and expressions of interest for submission to project preparation and financing platforms.



[Read More](#)

Rediscover Noida through its Illustrated Natural Asset Map

Check out the [Natural Asset Map of Noida](#) developed with support from the HCL Foundation, and learn about the spectacular landmarks and various species of flora and fauna found in the city. The map also marks out paddy fields, rivers and wetlands, threatened species and areas under mixed cultivation. It has been developed to communicate the significance and need to conserve urban biodiversity.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Cool Cities: Unveiling District Cooling's Sustainability Potential

Join ICLEI Europe's monthly webinar series to learn more about #cooling, #districtenergy, and #NatureBasedSolutions. Next in line is "Cool Cities: Exploring district cooling potential for cities," on April 11, 2024 3:30-4:30 PM IST. Discover how district cooling addresses urban heat challenges sustainably, aligning with broader urban goals. Don't miss out on insights and exchange opportunities!



More information can be found [here](#), you can also [register at this link](#).

CLIMATALES - World Earth Day, April 22**बूँद बूँद बचत: पानी को तरसते शहरों को थार से वर्षा-जल संचय सीखने की ज़रूरत**

गर्मियों ने दस्तक दे दी है और पानी को लेकर कर्णाटक की राजधानी से लेकर राजस्थान की राजधानी तक हाहाकार मचना शुरू हो गया है। जहाँ एक तरफ बंगलौर में भू-जल का "पाताल" तक जाना अखबारों की सुर्खियाँ बन रहा है, वहीं जयपुर - अजमेर के एकमात्र पेयजल के साधन "बीसलपुर" में भी बहुत कम पानी बचा है। रेल और टैंकरों से पानी-सप्लाई की फाइलें तेज़ रफ़्तार से चल रही है।

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate



Read More

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Eco-friendly toilets by 2025 as state aims for green milestones
 Goal is Attaining Net-Zero Status By 2070

Nagpur takes lead with India's first city-specific Zero Carbon plan for buildings
 The first initiative is a landmark, marking a significant step towards achieving net-zero carbon emissions for buildings in India.

प्रायद्वीपीय राज्यांनी 2070 पर्यंत शहरां ३० टक्के कार्बन उत्सर्जन कमी करण्याची योजना आहे

लो कार्बन एवशन का प्लान तैयार

PATNA(12 March) बिहार सरकार के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी ने आज बिहार के लो कार्बन एवशन (एचएलसी) का प्लान तैयार करने के लिए एक बैठक का आयोजन किया।

To achieve Net Zero by 2050

Nagpur India's 1st metropolis

TheHitavada
 Nagpur City (12/04/2024) | Page 1

Nagpur Among Six Cities Globally to Get Zero Carbon Building Action Plan

MORE FROM ICLEI ACROSS THE GLOBE

- Transformative Actions Program (TAP): 2024 call for projects
- Can you build an investment-ready climate project?



[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)*Copyright © 2024 ICLEI South Asia, All rights reserved.*[Translate](#) ▼**Our mailing address is:****ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability South Asia**

C-3, Lower Ground Floor, Green Park Extension, New Delhi - 110 016, India

Tel. +91-11-4974 7200; Email: iclei-southasia@iclei.org**About ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability**

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.

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).