Surat’s Transformation of Wasteland Creek Area into Biodiversity Park Prompts French Minister Visit

H. E. Ms. Barbara Pompili, Minister of Ecological Transition, France, visited the ‘Wild Valley Biodiversity Park’ project, during her visit to Surat, Gujarat on 01st February, 2021. During her visit, Ms. Pompili planted a neem sapling at the site as a way of greeting environment in the Surat city. With a team of 15 people, Ms. Pompili explored the project site and also met the key stakeholders of the project.

Chennai to Become the First City to Transform Corporation Schools in Low-income Settlements to ‘Smart’ Schools in 18 Campuses

The ‘Model and SMART Corporation Schools in Chennai’ was selected as one of the 12 successful proposals under the CITIIS ‘Challenge Initiative’. Selected due to its theme of ‘Social and Organizational Innovation in Low-Income Settlements’, the project will revamp the government schools operated and managed by...

Visakhapatnam Undertakes On-site Design Workshops to Enable Greater Social Inclusion Through Modernizing Public Schools as ‘Smart’ Campus

Visakhapatnam held three-day long virtual design workshops (keeping in mind COVID-19 restrictions) that were facilitated by the SPV between 19th January, 2021 and 16th February, 2021. These workshops summarised insights from stakeholder meetings and detailed general arrangement drawings. In attendance were key members of the CITIIS project team in Visakhapatnam SPV, design consultants (AECOM), technical assistance/experts assigned to the SPV, and representatives of the Program Management Unit (PMU) at NIUA.

The intent of these sessions was to present and finalise the design interventions proposed as well as the overall benefits and impacts of the interventions on the end-users. The sessions focused on how each of the four broad objectives established as part of the project’s endeavour to improve learning environments—Identity and...