

# CITIIS

City Investments To Innovate, Integrate and Sustain

## Newsletter

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Dear Readers,

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy new year!

In India, the urban landscape is constantly evolving with equal occasions of growth and challenges. NIUA through its vision to transform the urban landscape has constantly strived to provide pioneering solutions to these challenges.

In 2019, under the guidance of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, and supported by the European Union and Agence Française de Développement, the 'CITIIS (City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain) program was conceptualised to assist Indian cities in implementing urban infrastructure projects that are integrated, innovation driven and sustainable.

I am happy to share that in the past year and a half, CITIIS has selected twelve Smart Cities with programs focusing on improving sustainable mobility, increasing the amount of public open spaces, implementing technology to improve

e-governance and driving social & organizational innovation in low-income settlements.

Today, it gives me great pleasure to share the first edition of the quarterly newsletter by CITIIS. This issue contains updates from the months of October-December, 2020.

We encourage you to share the newsletter and to contribute for future editions.

We look forward to initiating a dialogue towards an innovative urban space.

Warm regards

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Director, NIUA



## CITIIS HIGHLIGHTS

### Mayor inaugurates 'Tactical Urbanism' exercise in Dehradun

Dehradun Mayor Shri Sunil Uniyal Gama inaugurated the pilot project of tactical urbanism exercise executed near Survey Chowk under the CITIIS supported 'Child Friendly City Project' of Dehradun Smart City near Survey Chowk on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The exercise was carried out on a 450-metre stretch. [Read more here.](#)

### MoU with Government of Andhra Pradesh

On 04<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and NIUA signed a tripartite 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) for capacity building of ULB in Andhra Pradesh. Through this MoU, ULBs across Andhra Pradesh will benefit from technical advisory services and capacity building activities over the next three years. [Learn more here.](#)

## LAUNCH

### CITIIS launches toolkit for 'Developing an Effective Communications and Outreach Plan'

On 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, the CITIIS program launched the 'Toolkit for Developing an Effective Communications and Outreach Plan'. The toolkit may be used by local governments and implementation agencies in urban areas to carry out their communication activities more effectively to inform, inspire, and engage varied stakeholders. [The toolkit can be accessed here.](#)



## EVENT

### Webinar held on 'Piloting Public Projects Through User-Centered Design'

Held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, the webinar covered tactical urbanism for testing public response to interventions in public spaces to prototypes of essential products and services. The discussion covers a broad wide array of pilot projects at different scales and spread over different durations.

What have been various lessons from different pilot projects to scale up solutions, what were the surprises, what role do data and documentation play in iterative design processes, were some of the topics of discussion. [Watch the Webinar here.](#)

## BLOG

### Towards Effective Stakeholder Engagement

The CITIIS programme, following the principles of integration, innovation and sustainability, has a strong focus on effective stakeholder engagement. This has manifested in a custom 'Stakeholder Engagement Plan' for each of its 12 cities during the planning phase (known as Maturation Phase) of their projects. These plans are... [Read more here.](#)



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