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Greetings readers!

A warm welcome to our newest member city Dehradun! This newsletter tells more about the city and its initiatives.

The Swachh Bharat Mission (Clean India Mission) comes at a very apt time. There is an increasing awareness among the cities to take all necessary measures to move towards sustainability and to manage their waste. ICLEI South Asia, through its various projects and programs is doing its best to support Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Telangana in successful implementation of their state level SBM activities. This E-newsletter sheds some light on that. We also get to know more about the numerous initiatives our cities are taking to become low carbon, resilient and eco-mobile. Featured also are our new employees and an interview too with our colleague Nikhil Kolsepatil.

Happy reading!



If working towards a sustainable, resilient, low carbon, eco-mobile and resource-efficient city is your passion, ICLEI South Asia is the place to be. We have some new sustainability champions! [Find out here.](#)

We would also like to welcome Dehradun, India, into the ICLEI family! [Read more.](#)

Actors of change

Meet Nikhil Kolsepatil – Senior Engineer (Energy and Climate)



"It has become imperative that our cities undertake ambitious transformative actions. At ICLEI, we strive to provide a platform to cities to take such actions through our tools, knowledge networks, projects and pilot initiatives."

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ICLEI leaders and members visit the Vatican

On 21-22 July 2015, a delegation of more than 60 Mayors from around the world met Pope Francis in the Vatican for a two-day event on climate change, human trafficking and sustainable development.

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Latest from our projects

Integrating ICLEI's IUWM and waste initiatives with Swachh Bharat Mission activities in Rajasthan



ICLEI South Asia has been selected by the Rajasthan State government to facilitate implementation of SBM, including IUWM and waste management in 5 cities in Rajasthan.

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Small Grants Fund to support resilience actions in cities in India and Bangladesh

Mayor and former Mayor of Cochin at ICLEI South Asia

A Small Grants Fund has been constituted to support innovative and result-oriented interventions to build resilience in partner cities of Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) in India and Bangladesh. The grant is aimed at encouraging local stakeholders to implement actions in high risk urban systems identified through the ICLEI-ACCCRN Process (IAP).

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Supporting Swachh Bharat Mission activities in Nellore



In line with the requirements of the Swachh Bharat Mission, ICLEI South Asia is supporting Nellore city in developing a city sanitation plan, leading to the development of a Detailed Project Report for Solid Waste Management.

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Expanding urban mobility knowledge with second round of SOLUTIONS E-learning courses!

The second round of the SOLUTIONS E-learning courses have been launched and are all set to start in September 2015. These free online courses are intended for professionals working in the field of urban mobility who wish to expand their knowledge and share their experiences with participants from around the world.

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Rajkot's bike sharing program - advancing towards low carbon mobility



Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC), supported by Rajkot Rotary Midtown library and a popular radio channel, Radio Mirchi, has initiated bicycle rental systems in multiple locations across the city, as part of its low emission development strategies. Now, as part of their Urban-LEDS activities, they are looking at expanding the program to more areas within the city and are looking at ways to shift from a manually operated system to a more technologically reliant system.

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Making disaster planning a possibility for slums in South and Southeast Asia

ICLEI south Asia will play the role of an international partner, along with few other organisations, for the "Crowdsourcing Community Resilience in Urban Slums" project which is one of the 17 projects selected in the first stage of the bigger Global Resilience Partnership.

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Thane's journey so far in transition to low emission development

The Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC), guided by ICLEI's GreenClimateCities (GCC) methodology, has identified a set of priority low emission strategies and is undertaking a range of actions at the local level with support from ICLEI South Asia to help integration of low emission strategies into its development processes.

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Smart City Landscape 2015 - Transpiring to the future

Smart City Landscape 2015, to be held in Delhi on 10-11 September, aims to cater to the current and pertinent issues of the industry and potential considerations for implementing, developing and cementing a viable Smart City plan to objectify the plans charted out for 100 smart cities in India.

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Making the most of resources and waste – ISWA 2015 World Congress

The ISWA2015 (International Solid Waste Association) Congress reaches out to waste professionals, industrialists, policy makers at all levels from around the globe, researchers and entrepreneurs to consider and discuss their role in shifting from a "throw it away" to a "use it" phase.

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All India Environmental Journalism Competition 2015 – Last few days to apply!

Last few days to submit your entries for the third All India Environmental Journalism Competition! Deadline for submission is 31 August 2015!

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MobiPrize 2015 – Get recognised for your innovative sustainable transport actions

UM-SMART's MobiPrize is back, honoring New Mobility enterprises and innovators that are making the world a better place through sustainable transportation innovation! Deadline for applying is 30 August 2015!

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