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Dear readers,

Welcome to our mid-year newsletter! I hope our members are enjoying the South Asian monsoon season. It is usually a much-awaited and celebrated event, but is now received with as much dread as relief, thanks to climate change and the associated risks of natural disasters. There are several mitigation actions being taken, but are they enough?

Maybe not, because the scale of the challenge is huge. However, the good news is that many Indian cities are on the right path, as the results of the ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0 indicate. We are delighted to note that three of our CapaCITIES project partners - Ahmedabad, Rajkot, and Vadodara - partners in the CapaCITIES project - have been awarded 4 stars by the ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0 for their climate actions. They have been awarded 4 stars out of 5 for their climate actions in several sectors. Coimbatore and Udaipur have received a 3-star rating. It is evident that the support extended by the CapaCITIES project Phase I to Rajkot, Coimbatore, Udaipur and Siliguri has helped to improve their climate performance.

Meanwhile, under our Urban-LEDS II project, Nagpur, which has received a 3-star rating, and Thane have completed their climate risk assessments. Climate Resilient City Action Plans are being developed for both cities, and will comprise sector-wise strategies that promote low emission development and address climate-related vulnerabilities.

We have also launched a new project, 'Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi National Capital Region,' with support from the Clean Air Fund, to support four municipal corporations in improving air quality.

This edition covers all these developments, and also includes a blog on strengthening heat resilience in Indian cities and an article in Hindi on a survey of the causes of injuries being sustained by children in Udaipur. The survey's findings will be used to prepare a set of guidelines for child safety in the city under the Urban95 programme.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition!

## Latest developments



### Three CapaCITIES Project Cities Get Four Stars in CSCAF Rating

Ahmedabad, Rajkot, and Vadodara - partners in the CapaCITIES project - have been awarded 4 stars by the ClimateSmart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0 for their climate actions. Coimbatore and Udaipur have received a 3-star rating. The CapaCITIES project, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, provides technical support to eight cities to report to the CSCAF, prepare climate action plans and bankable projects, and implement climate-resilient interventions.

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### New Project to Support Delhi-NCR Municipal Corporations in Improving Air Quality

ICLEI South Asia, with support from Clean Air Fund, will help four municipal corporations to improve air quality, under a two-year long new project "Building City Leadership on Clean Air Action in Delhi National Capital Region (NCR)". The municipal corporations will receive support in developing action plans and approaches to improve air quality based on existing resources, and in exploring potential partnerships to implement pilot projects, among other activities.



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### Thane, Nagpur Complete Climate Risk, Vulnerability Assessments

The Indian cities of Thane and Nagpur have completed their Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (CRVA), with the support of the Urban-LEDS II project. Based on their greenhouse gas emission inventories and CRVAs, Climate Resilient City Action Plans are being developed for both cities to propose sector-wise strategies that promote low emission development and address climate-related vulnerabilities.

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बहुत ज़रूरी है बच्चों की सुरक्षा पर बात करना

अर्बन95 टीम ने बच्चों में चोट लगने के कारणों का किया विश्लेषण



०५ साल तक के बच्चों को जाने- अनजाने में लगने वाली चोटें, स्वास्थ्य और विकास से जुड़ी एक बड़ी समस्या है, जिस पर तत्काल ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। घर, सार्वजनिक स्थानों और सीखने के स्थानों पर बच्चों को लगने वाली चोटें-दुर्घटनाएं और उनके साथ होने वाली हिंसा उन्हें आने वाले जीवन में ना केवल स्थायी रूप से पंगु बना सकती हैं बल्कि उनकी जान ले सकती हैं। ज्यादातर मामलों में ये दुर्घटनाएं अनजाने में होती हैं। यह दुनिया भर में ४५ लाख बच्चों की हर साल मौत की जिम्मेदार भी हैं (विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन-वैश्विक बीमारी सर्वेक्षण २०१३) इन मौतों के अलावा लाखों बच्चों को इन चोटों के चलते अस्पताल में देखभाल की ज़रूरत होती है। कई बच्चे इसके चलते स्थायी रूप से विकलांग भी हो जाते हैं। यह उनके आने वाले पूरे जीवन को बुरी तरह से प्रभावित करता है।

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## Blogs

### Strengthening Heat Resilience in Cities – Insight from India

There is an emerging need for heat-resilient city systems, and Indian local authorities are considering how to achieve this, report Shwetha Kutty, Mrunmayee Velukar and Priyesh Salunke of TARU.

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## Upcoming events



### KASpaces Webinars: Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh

The sessions will focus on sustainable solutions of urban development, including issues of internal migration, climate resilience and sustainable transport, linked to SDG-11 and the COVID-19 pandemic. The event is jointly organised by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Singapore. Bhutan: 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 10:30 am to 02:00 pm (Bhutan Time), Nepal: 27<sup>th</sup> July from 10:00 am to 01:30 pm (Nepal Time), Bangladesh: 29<sup>th</sup> July from 10:30 am to 02:00 pm (Bangladesh Time). Registration Links - [Bhutan](#), [Nepal](#) and [Bangladesh](#)

## More from ICLEI across the globe

- [How ICLEI is helping cities and regions on their climate neutrality journey](#)
- [Cities Race to Resilience: A global campaign to catalyze resilient action](#)

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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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