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*Greetings!*

The past month has been significant for cities in small islands worldwide with the special Community for towns, cities and provinces of small island states being launched by ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability.

Continuing with the efforts to build resilience in the informal settlements, ICLEI South Asia has initiated a pilot project on improving sanitation in Amrapali and Phule Nagar slums in the city of Nashik.

With the initiative of door to door collection of segregated waste in Kishangarh marking success among the community, a pilot project focusing at source segregation of plastic waste and door to door collection has been launched in the city of Jaisalmer.

A Stakeholder Workshop in Rajkot was organised to launch the CapaCITIES project. This project will support local authorities in Rajkot, Siliguri, Udaipur and Coimbatore in formulation and implementation of integrated action plans for climate resilience across priority sectors.

Pilot implementation of climate resilience interventions have been initiated in the ACCCRN cities of Gangtok and Nainital in India and Singra, Mongla and Kustia in Bangladesh, with support from the Small Grants.

ICLEI and its member cities are gearing up to participate in the global summit on housing and sustainable urban development at Habitat III, to be organised at Quito from 17th to 20th of October. This summit will provide a potent opportunity for the international community at all levels to harmonize its understanding of the problems and opportunities posed by current trends in urbanization.

In addition, this newsletter will familiarise us with Mr. Deepak Bhuwania, Mayor of Bhagalpur, India; along with providing a glimpse into the work and challenges of our sustainability team member Ms. Geeta Sandal, Senior Project Officer, Sustainability Management.

Read on to know more about us and our cities!

Happy reading!

## Latest developments



### Cities to get grants for building climate resilience infrastructure

The Small Grants Fund that was 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 is being disbursed to the cities of Gangtok and Nainital in India and the cities of Singra, Mongla and Kustia in Bangladesh.

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### Stakeholder Workshop in Rajkot Launches CapaCITIES

A workshop was recently organised in Rajkot city of Gujarat to launch the Capacity Building Project on Low Carbon and Climate Resilient City Development in India (CapaCITIES). The project aims to support four local authorities – Rajkot, Siliguri, Coimbatore and Udaipur, in formulation and implementation of integrated action plans and measures across priority sectors, such as buildings, transportation, sanitation, and water sectors.



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### Bio-toilets for improving sanitation facilities in informal settlements in Nashik

ICLEI South Asia in collaboration with Nashik Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra has recently initiated a pilot project on improving sanitation facilities in Amrapali and Phule Nagar slums. This implementation is a part of the Misereor funded project on Urban Resilience and Informality which was launched in January 2016 in Nashik, Bidhannagar (in India), Denpasar (in Indonesia) and Quezon city (in Phillipines) that promotes building resilience in informal communities.

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## More developments

### ICLEI launches community for towns, cities and provinces of small island states

ICLEI has launched a special Community for towns, cities and provinces of small island states, known as Small Island Developing States (SIDS). This initiative was announced by Mr. Eddie Ngava, Deputy Mayor, Honiara, Solomon Islands at the closing plenary of the ICLEI Resilient Cities 2016 Congress held at Bonn, Germany.



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### ICLEI extends segregation and door to door plastic waste collection to the city of Jaisalmer



A pilot project on door to door plastic waste collection has been initiated in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. Based on the initial responses to the initiative, the city government as well as the residents of the ward have expressed their desire to expand the scope of the project to include the segregation and collection of all waste at household level in the ward.

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### Habitat III to be held in Quito

ICLEI and its members are gearing up for Habitat III in Quito which will define the course of urbanisation in the coming decades. At Habitat III, ICLEI will push for a New Urban Agenda that fosters transformations across the urban world.

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### Spotlight on Bhagalpur (India) - Interview with Hon'ble Mayor Deepak Bhuwania

"We came in contact with ICLEI South Asia during a workshop titled "Developing Smart, Healthy and Sustainable Cities: Learnings from US, China and India" convened by ICLEI South Asia and University of Minnesota, USA in New Delhi in January 2016. We were impressed by the work that ICLEI is carrying out along with its partners and subsequently decided to take up the membership to mobilize support for our city on low carbon and climate resilience planning", said, Deepak Bhuwania, Hon'ble Mayor, Bhagalpur.

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### Meet Geeta Sandal – Senior Project Officer of Sustainability Management team

An urban planner and water expert, Geeta has been a part of the Sustainability team at ICLEI South Asia since 2014. She is primarily involved in the projects dealing with Integrated Urban Water Management System for Indian cities.

"Being an environmental planner, I believe that the quality of life, environmental sustainability and competitive economics makes our cities liveable and sustainable", said Geeta Sandal.

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