

Infant, Toddler and Caregiver-Friendly Neighbourhoods Training and Capacity Building

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Programme

About Infant, Toddler and Caregiver-Friendly Neighbourhoods Training and Capacity Building Programme

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- **The programme is envisioned with the twin objectives**
 - **First:** Embedding the learnings from the inventory of knowledge developed by NIUA and BvLF within the on-going and proposed urban development initiatives at neighbourhood and city level.
 - **Second:** Hand holding participants to embed learnings into the various initiatives of the cities which take into account the everyday needs of young children and caregivers.
- The Programme was launched virtually by National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in partnership with Bernard van Leer Foundation (BvLF).
- The Programme is designed to help build capacities of city officials and young professionals for developing young children and family-friendly neighbourhoods within cities in India.
- The programme is a continuation of the long-term partnership between NIUA and BvLF to scale up the efforts and embed the lessons of ITC needs at neighbourhood level within the city level programmes.

- Under the programme, city officials and young professionals are proposed to be skilled through certified training and capacity building modules.
- The training is proposed to be delivered through well-structured training modules, provided online through National Urban Learning Platform (NULP), the platform developed for knowledge dissemination by MoHUA and NIUA.
- In addition, an academic certified course for young professionals has been planned to sensitize them about the needs of young citizens (0-5 years) in the city and to equip them with the adequate tools for the purpose.

About NIUA

- Established in 1976, the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
- Is a premier Institute of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India for research and capacity building for the urban sector in India.
- The Institution has been actively working on bringing forth key areas of concern for urban India to build the urban discourse at various urban scales and committed towards aligning its efforts towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through all its initiatives and programs.
- It has utilized its competencies in research, knowledge management, policy advocacy and capacity building to address urban challenges and continuously striving to develop sustainable, inclusive, and productive urban ecosystems in the country.
- It has emerged as a thought leader and knowledge hub for urban development in India and is sought out by both Indian and International organizations for collaborations and partnerships in India's urban transforming journey.