

City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain (CITIIS)

CITIIS, a sub-component of the Smart Cities Mission, is a joint program of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Agence Française de Développement, the European Union, and the National Institute of Urban Affairs. The program is assisting 12 cities across India — selected through a challenge process — develop and implement innovative and sustainable urban infrastructure projects.

The selected projects will improve sustainable mobility, increase the amount of public open spaces, implement ICT measures to improve e-governance and introduce social and organisational innovation in low-income settlements. The key values driving the projects are excellence in sustainable urban development, innovation and integration, a participatory approach, and relevance and feasibility.

Each city receives financial assistance through a grant as well as technical assistance from an international mentor and a domestic expert, besides access to a pool of transversal experts.

The CITIIS program is also dedicated to strengthening institutions by committing resources for systematic planning, results-based monitoring and effective implementation, and building the long-term capacities of municipal functionaries. In this regard, an MoU has been signed with the Government of Odisha for the capacity-building of all 114 Urban Local Bodies in the state.

The program is being coordinated and managed by the Program Management Unit at NIUA in New Delhi.

The 12 Selected Projects under the 4 Focus Areas of CITIIS



AMRITSAR

Rejuvenation of Autorickshaws in Amritsar through Holistic Interventions (RAAH): Amritsar is replacing 12,000 diesel autorickshaws with e-autos to create a convenient yet sustainable public transport system, besides organising drivers in a cooperative society and offering skill training to women in their families.

Total Project Cost: ₹108.33 crores (€12.74 million)

SURAT

Creating 'Wild Valley Biodiversity Park' as City Lungs by Rejuvenation of Existing Wasteland Along the Kankara Creek: Surat is reviving the wasteland along the Kankara Creek and redeveloping a stretch of 87 hectares by turning it into a biodiversity park which will preserve indigenous flora and fauna and provide the city's people with green open spaces.

Total Project Cost: ₹139.15 crores (€16.37 million)

HUBBALLI-DHARWAD

Green Mobility Corridor: Hubballi-Dharwad is transforming the Unkal Nala from a stormwater drain into a vibrant public utility and recreational space by creating an eco-friendly corridor for non-motorised transport, constructing retaining walls for the Nala embankment and facilitating improved sewage disposal.

Total Project Cost: ₹130.00 crores (€15.29 million)

KOCHI

E-Health Solution: Kochi is rolling out an e-health implementation solution in government hospitals to create a centralised digital information database and management system, and fulfil its aim of building an affordable and accessible public healthcare system.

Total Project Cost: ₹19.13 crores (€2.25 million)

PUDUCHERRY

Our Neighbourhood is Your Neighbourhood Too — A Participatory Planning Approach for Improvement of Low-Income Settlements in Puducherry: Puducherry is working to provide wider access to affordable housing, upgrade public spaces, promote citizen participation, and improve the socio-economic conditions of people in low-income settlements.

Total Project Cost: ₹99.71 crores (€11.73 million)

CHENNAI

Model and Smart Corporation Schools: Chennai is transforming 28 corporation schools with modern digital and experiential infrastructure to improve students' learning environments and outcomes and, in turn, create inter-generational impacts for the community.

Total Project Cost: ₹95.25 crores (€11.21 million)

DEHRADUN

Child-Friendly City Project: Dehradun is creating safer pedestrian paths and encouraging the use of public transport to evolve as a friendlier city for schoolchildren, the elderly and people with disabilities.

Total Project Cost: ₹58.00 crores (€6.82 million)

UJJAIN

Mahakal Rudra Sagar Integrated Development Approach Phase-II: Ujjain is developing interactive public spaces by upgrading existing infrastructure in and around the Mahakal Temple and Ram Ghat, restoring the Maharajwada complex, creating pedestrian access pathways and resting areas, managing traffic, and revitalising the Rudra Sagar Lake.

Total Project Cost: ₹135.97 crores (€16.00 million)

AGARTALA

Haora River Front Development (Phase-II): Agartala is developing the Haora riverfront to strengthen its embankments, improve sanitation, facilitate non-motorised transport infrastructure, and create green open spaces for fostering biodiversity and accommodating community activities.

Total Project Cost: ₹99.00 crores (€11.65 million)

BHUBANESWAR

B-Active (Be-Active or Bhubaneswar Active): Bhubaneswar is revitalising assets like streets and open spaces to create green and blue corridors through the city and build healthier and active communities.

Total Project Cost: ₹181.65 crores (€21.37 million)

VISAKHAPATNAM

Social Inclusion Through Modernising Public Schools as Smart Campus: Visakhapatnam is upgrading 40 Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation schools with the aim of building child-friendly and universally accessible physical infrastructure, adopting smart ways of teaching, and creating more inclusive learning environments.

Total Project Cost: ₹65.00 crores (€7.65 million)

AMARAVATI

Basic Infrastructure Development in Low-Income Settlements in Amaravati City: Amaravati is building and retrofitting schools, Anganwadi centres, e-health sub-centres and nodal primary healthcare centres to improve the quality of life in low-income households, besides constructing a multi-faith funeral campus so people can have dignity in death.

Total Project Cost: ₹138.62 crores (€16.31 million)