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Dear *CEOs/MDs,*

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), along with leading academic institutions of the country came together for an initiative called Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research - SAAR. The objective of SAAR is to document the learnings from smart cities' projects, provide opportunities for engagement on urban development projects to students, and enable real-time information flow between urban practice and academia.

MoHUA, NIUA and the 15 premier colleges came together to prepare a compendium of case-studies of 75+ innovative urban projects. The students of these colleges visited 47+ Smart cities and with your support, they have compiled the compendium. These 75+ multisectoral case-studies, prepared by the students, would act as Indian references for urban development projects. This compendium was launched in the National Youth Conclave at New Delhi on 13-14 March 2023 by our Minister, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri. A digital copy of these compendiums can be downloaded from this link: https://linktr.ee/saar_compendium?utm_source=qr_code

Taking learnings from the SAAR Compendium 1.0, it is now envisaged to document 3 -10 case-studies per city, of the words undertaken by smart cities. In view of the above, as a next step, SAAR Compendium 2.O guidelines **(attached)** for the Smart Cities Projects was also launched by Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa from India.

Under SAAR Compendium 2.O, each of the 100 smart cities will identify their key projects based on categories highlighted later in this document, partner with academic/ research institution(s) for their analysis of these projects and jointly document the key learnings from such projects as case studies. The learnings compiled under SAAR Compendium 1.0 and 2.0 would act as a reference to replicate similar solutions in other Indian cities. The weblink to fill the details of SAAR compendium 2.0 by each of the city is https://niua.in/saar/compendium/case-studies-for-completed-projects-of-scm

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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All 100 Smart Cities CEOs