

## MoU signing between Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC) and ICLEI-SA Local Governments for Sustainability for Urban LEDS project

ICLEI- South Asia signed a MoU with Nagpur Municipal Corporation today (25.07.2018) for implementing the project **“Accelerating climate action through the promotion of Urban Low Emission Development Strategies (Urban LEDS II)”**. **The project will be implemented by ICLEI South Asia and UN-Habitat and is supported by the European Commission.**

The overall objective of Urban LEDS project is to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by promotion of various Low Emissions Development (LED) oriented strategies at city level. This objective is aligned with the implementation of the Paris Agreement under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). An assessment of all municipal sectors including water, wastewater, solid waste management, energy, transport and urban planning will be undertaken and specific actions proposed to reduce energy intensity of municipal services and city actions, thereby leading to GHG emissions reduction.

The project will also result in the preparation of a climate change vulnerability assessment, identifying hotspots within the city that are significantly vulnerable to climate change impacts. Strategies to adapt to climate change impacts will also be identified. International experts will also be involved in the project to conduct feasibility studies and develop small scale pilots, which can then be scaled up by NMC.

As a first step, it is necessary to understand the baseline energy demand and energy mix in the city. Based on the determined energy use a GHG emission inventory will be developed for the city for the last 3 to 5 years. Thereafter, based on identified critical sectors, implementable low carbon solutions and strategies will be suggested.

NMC officials, Hon. Commissioner Mr. Virendra Singh, Hon Mayor Mrs. Nanda Jichkar, CEO of Nagpur Smart City (NSSCDCL) Mr. Ramnath Sonawane, GM- Mr. Devendra Mahajan (Environment Department), GM- Mr. Rajesh Dufare (Mobility Division), Mr. Dilip Chitnis (Water Works Department) and Mr. Emani Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI & Executive Director, ICLEI-SA, Ms. Soumya Chaturvedula, Dy. Director, ICLEI-SA and Mr. Shardul Venegurkar, Project Officer- ICLEI- SA were present.