

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Mumbai, India, showing a dense urban area with multi-story buildings and a beach along the coast. A large blue semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title and author information in yellow and white text.

Climate Change: The Language of Cities

Preparedness of Indian cities for climate resilience
HITESH VAIDYA

Impacts Of Climate Change

Extreme Weather Events



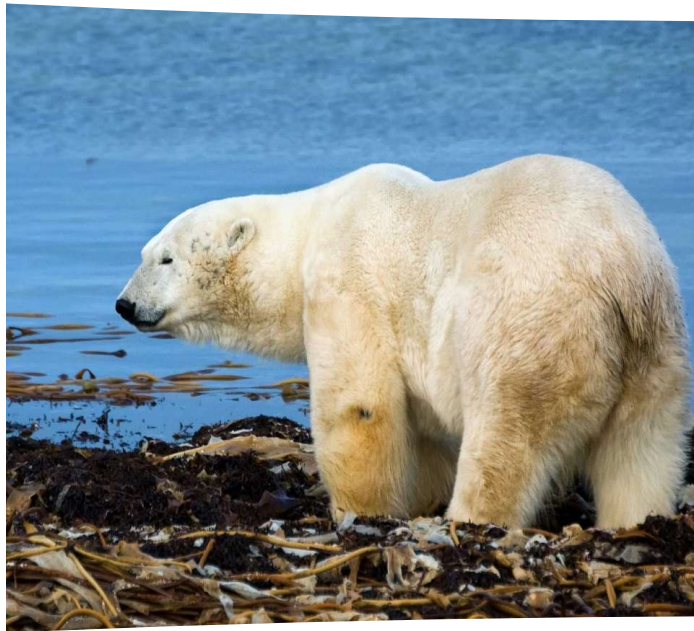
Impacts Of Climate Change

Poor Air Quality and Pollution



Impacts Of Climate Change

Loss of Biodiversity and Green Spaces



Impacts Of Climate Change

Economic and social Vulnerability





○ **31% of India** lives in **Cities**, Expected to rise to over **40%** by 2030

○ **Over 140 cities** in India are prone to high risk of flooding.

○ **77** cities in the coastal region of India are prone to **frequent cyclones**

○ **Heat Waves** estimated to increase in India by **75-fold times** in a business-as-usual scenario

○ **3% to 10%** Potential annual GDP loss by 2100 if proactive climate action is not undertaken.

**Inclusive and
Participatory
Governance**

**Urgent Climate
Action at the
Urban Level**

**Cities as
Engines of
Sustainable
Development**

**Digital
Transformation
for Sustainable
Cities**

**The Power of
Cooperation and
Convergence**



National Commitments at COP 26

Raise the non-fossil fuel based energy capacity of the country to 500 GW

2030

Reduce the total projected carbon emission by one billion tonnes

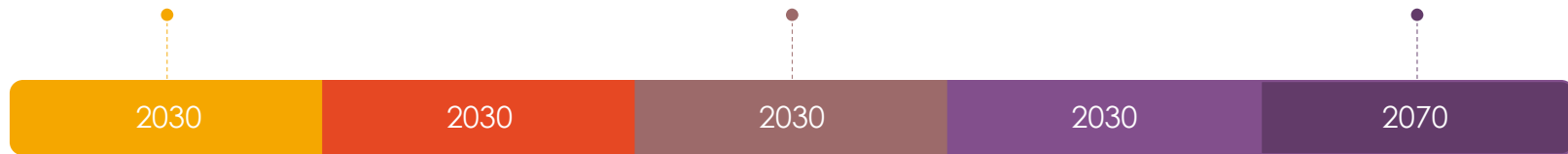
2030

Carbon neutral and achieve net zero emissions

2070

50% of the country's energy requirements would be met using renewable energy sources

Carbon intensity of the economy to reduce to less than 45%

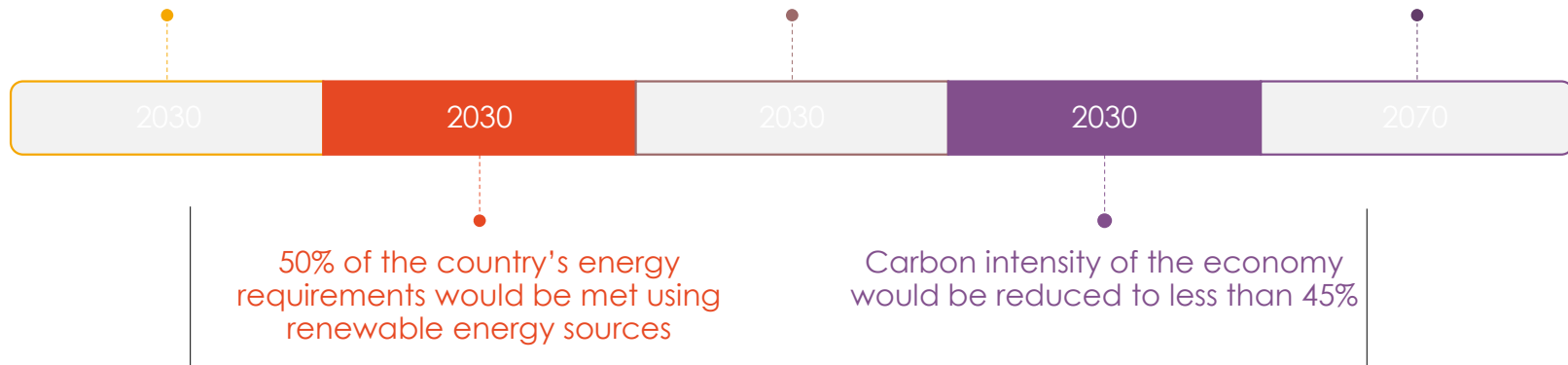


India Actions

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NDC approved by the Cabinet

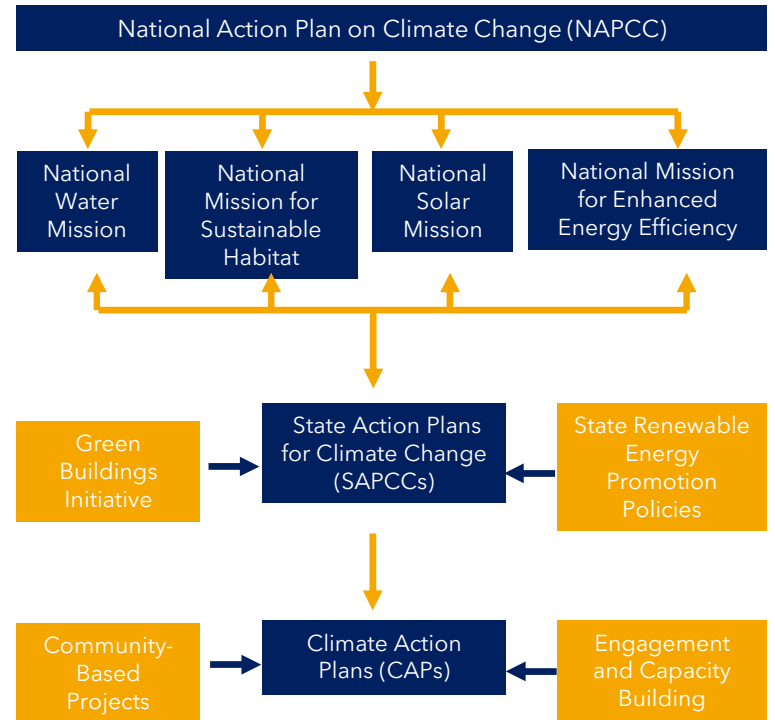
CLIMATE ACTION



National Level

State Level

Municipal and Neighbourhood





01. Data & Monitoring

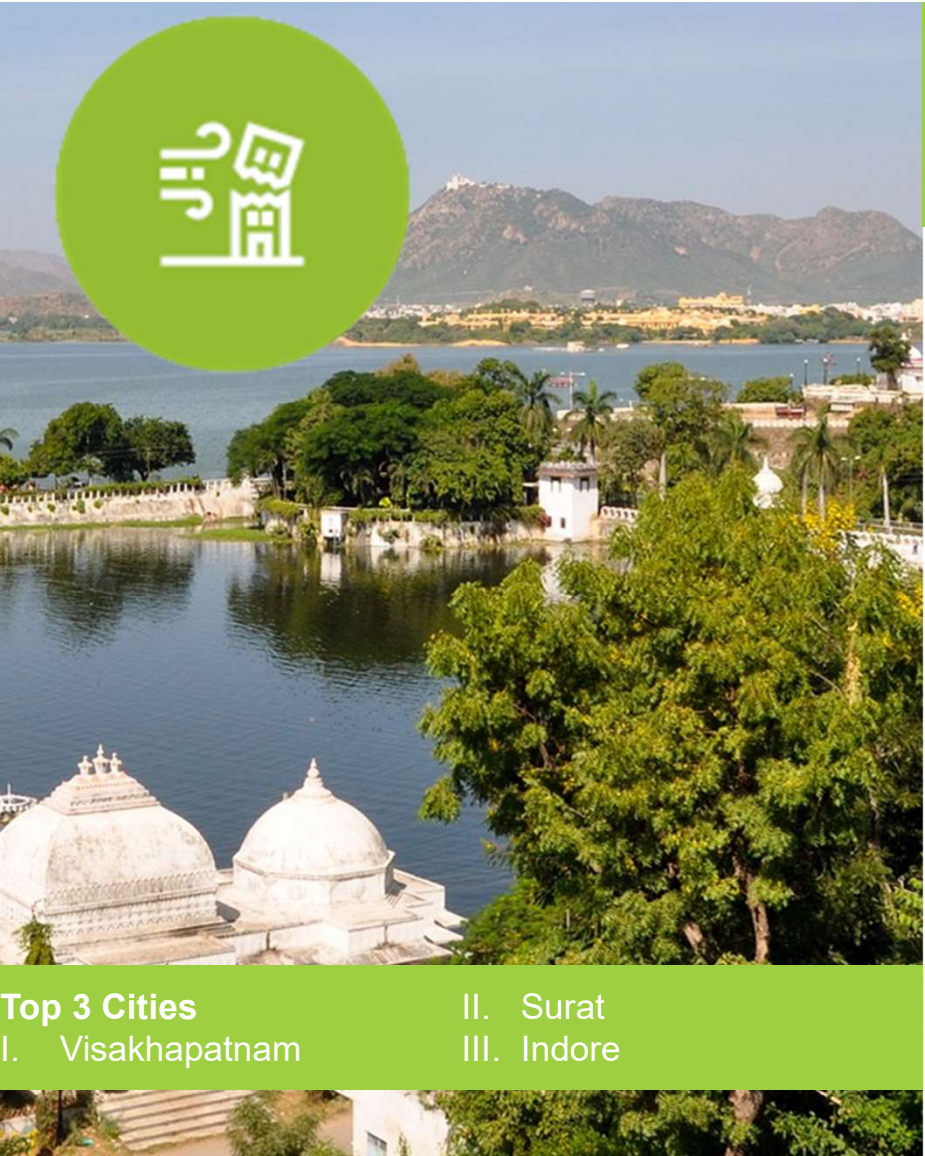
The **spatial granular database** at the neighbourhood level can bring out **innovative, novel, context-specific solutions**.

Need for establishing systems and processes that are **grounded in data, mapping and analysis of inter-linked sectors on a real-time basis**

Developing comprehensive climate monitoring systems to **leverage technology for mapping and monitoring vulnerabilities** through established **standards, platforms, and processes**.



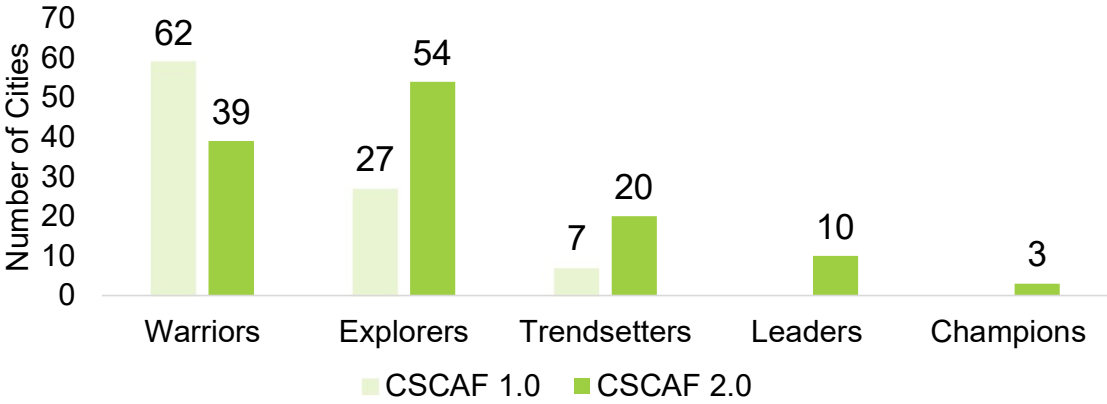
CSCAF	Development Level Explanation
Climate Champion	Cities are able to showcase implementation / actions / impacts
Climate Leaders	Cities have allocated budgets / started implementing climate actions
Climate Trendsetters	Committees are in place / plans in place / project proposals initiated
Climate Explorers	Cities have started collecting data / formed committees / hired technical agencies to start planning climate action projects
Climate Warriors	Cities have either not started thinking about climate change or in the process of thinking about climate actions



Urban Planning, Green Cover & Biodiversity



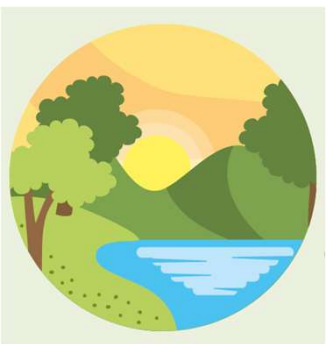
UPGCB Progress



Top 3 Cities
I. Visakhapatnam

II. Surat
III. Indore

Urban Planning, Green Cover & Biodiversity



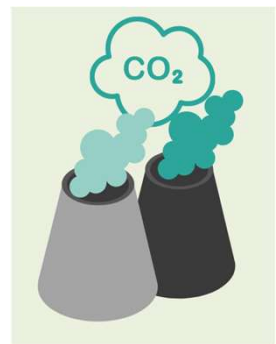
44 Cities

have formulated strategies/action plans and have **allocated a budget for rejuvenation** & conservation of water bodies and open areas



73 Cities

are meeting the prescribed URDPFI norm of **more than 12% green cover** within their municipal boundaries



30 Cities

Have initiated/completed **vulnerability assessments** and **GHG inventory**



41 Cities

have initiated preparation of **city disaster management plans**



63 Cities

have **instituted a Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC)**



Energy and Green Building

Total Electricity Consumption in the City

Electrical Energy derived from Renewable Sources

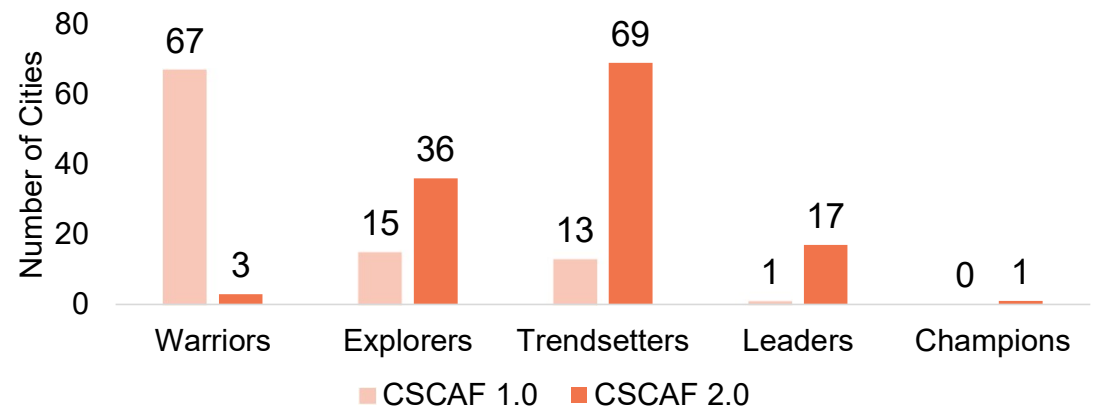
Fossil Fuel Consumption in the City

Energy Efficiency Street Lighting in the City

Promotion of Green Buildings

Green Building Adoption

EGB Progress



Top 3 Cities

I. Pune

II. Surat

III. Gandhinagar

Energy and Green Building



Average electricity consumption per capita per annum

Champion cities – **416 kWh**

Warrior cities – **2,337 kWh**



13 Cities

have more than 15% of their electricity needs generated through renewable energy



All States and UTs

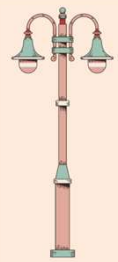
have established green building cells



Average fuel consumption per capita per annum

Champion cities – **25 litres**

Warrior cities – **230 litres**



88 Cities

have converted all streetlights to energy-efficient or renewable energy operated



101 Cities

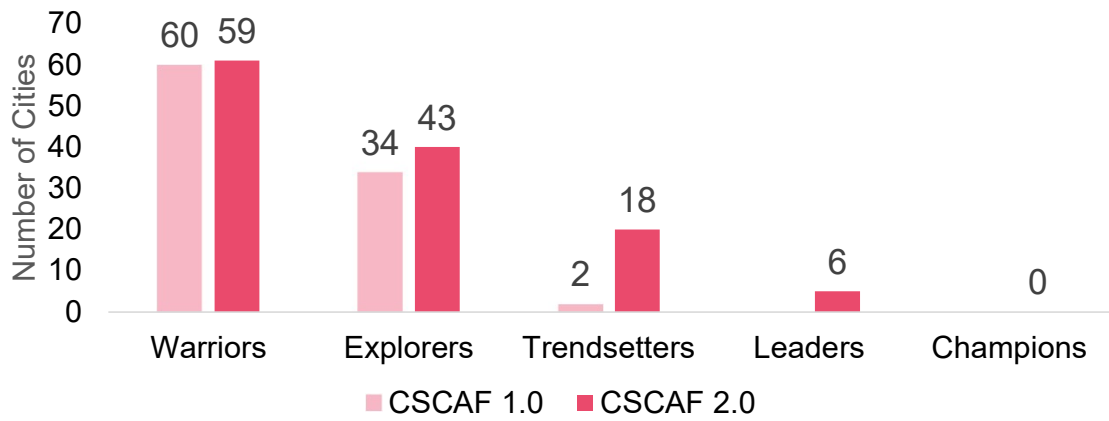
are promoting and implementing green buildings



Mobility and Air Quality



MAQ Progress



Mobility and Air Quality



59 Cities
have reported that they use **CNG based** (low carbon) or **Electric Rickshaws**



16 Cities
have **more than 35%** Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) road Coverage



21 Cities
have attained MoHUA's SLB for the **availability of public transport**



108 Cities
have some form of **air quality monitoring stations** in their cities



19 Cities
have **achieved National Air Quality Standards** with two or more pollutants



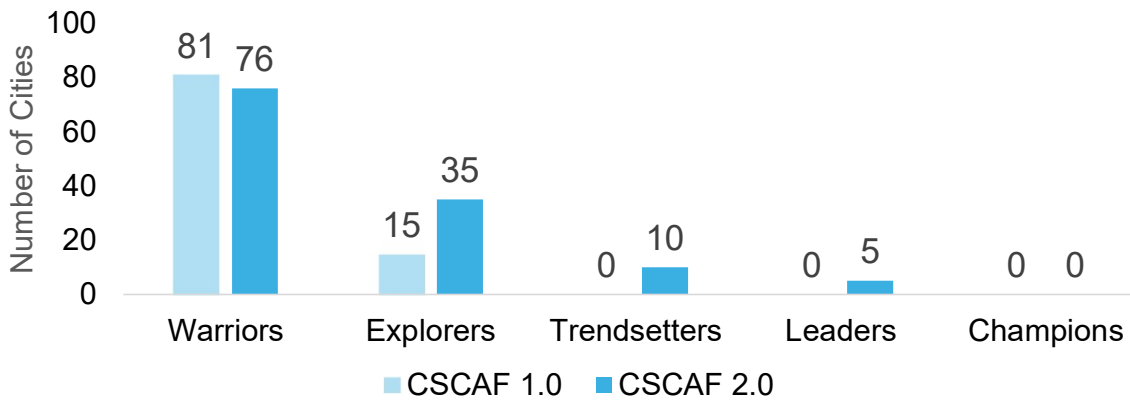
Top 3 Cities
I. Surat

II. Ahmedabad
III. Vijayawada

Water Management

- Water Resources Management
- Extent of Non-Revenue Water
- Wastewater Recycle and Reuse
- Flood/ Water Stagnation Risk Management
- Energy Efficient Water Supply System
- Energy Efficient Wastewater Management System

Water Progress



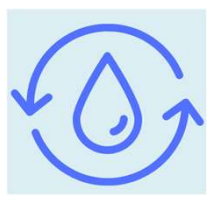
Water Management



26 Cities
have developed Water Resource Management (WRM) Plans



41 Cities
have less than 30% Non-Revenue Water (NRW)



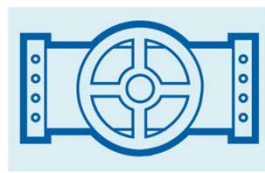
43 Cities
have instituted mechanisms for promoting recycle and reuse of waste water



44 Cities
have conducted flood/water stagnation risk assessment



41 Cities
conduct regular (annual) energy audits of their water supply system



16 Cities
conduct regular (annual) energy audits of their wastewater supply system



Waste Management

Waste Minimization initiatives undertaken by the City

Extent of Dry Waste Recovered & Recycled

Construction & Demolition Waste Management

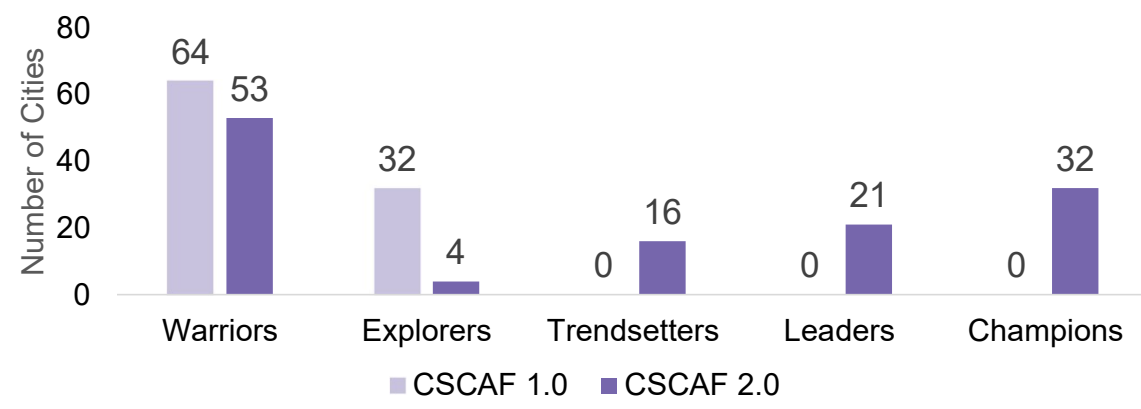
Extent of Wet Waste Processed

Scientific Landfill availability & operations

Landfill/ Dumpsite Scientific Remediation

Top 3 Cities
 I. Surat
 II. Vijayawada
 III. Mysore

Waste Progress



Waste Management



98 Cities
have **banned single-use plastics** including plastics <50 micron



40 Cities
have **more than 95%** of generated **dry waste** (excluding plastic & domestic hazardous waste) collected that is actually **processed/recycled/reused**



17 Cities
have **successfully implemented Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste Rules**



40 Cities
have instituted mechanisms for **processing 100% of collected wet waste**



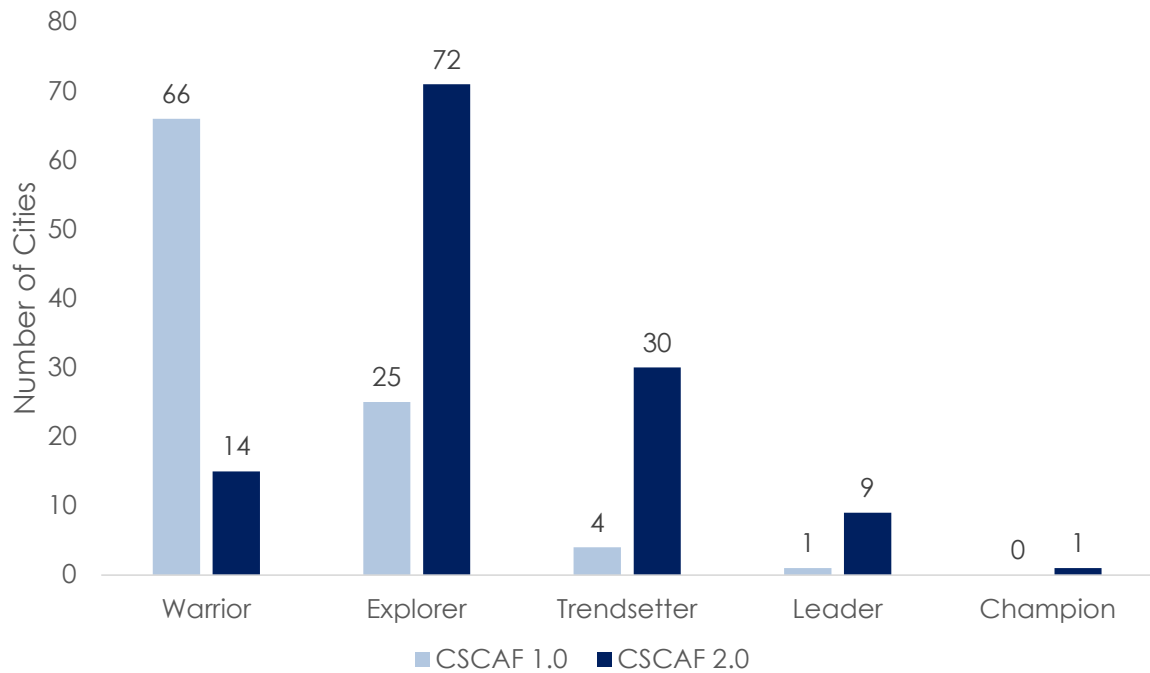
45 Cities
are **scientifically managing landfill sites**, meeting CPEEHO, Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016



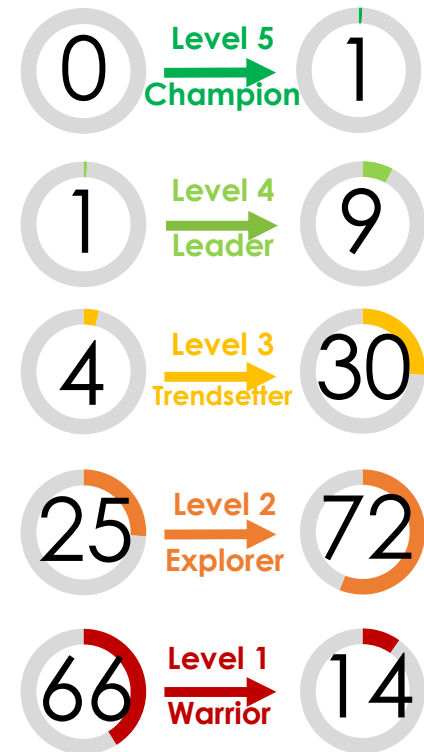
45 Cities
Have implemented **scientific remediation** of their landfills

City Progress

Year on year progress of cities



CSCAF 1.0 (96) CSCAF 2.0 (126)





02. Planning

Integrate climate **resilience and sustainability into city planning**, urban design, and infrastructure projects.

Adaptive Planning : Strategic and dynamic city planning frameworks

Allocating green spaces, **protecting natural habitats**, and ensuring sustainable land use practices.



03. Action Research & Advocacy



Individual changes – Nudging behaviours for reducing energy consumption and energy efficiency.

Institutional changes – Nudging decision-making of institutions to incorporate resilient and energy-efficient measures in their work.

Systemic changes – Streamlining inter-departmental coordination in cities for enhanced climate actions.





04. Projects

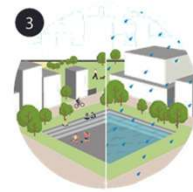
- **Demonstrative projects**
- Technical assistance to the cities in implementation
- Promoting **local and innovative solutions**



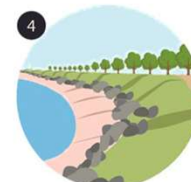
Reservoirs



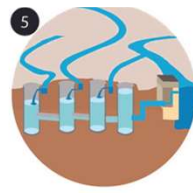
Retention area



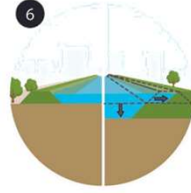
Water Squares



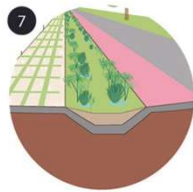
Embankments



Underground Water Storage



Canal widening and deepening

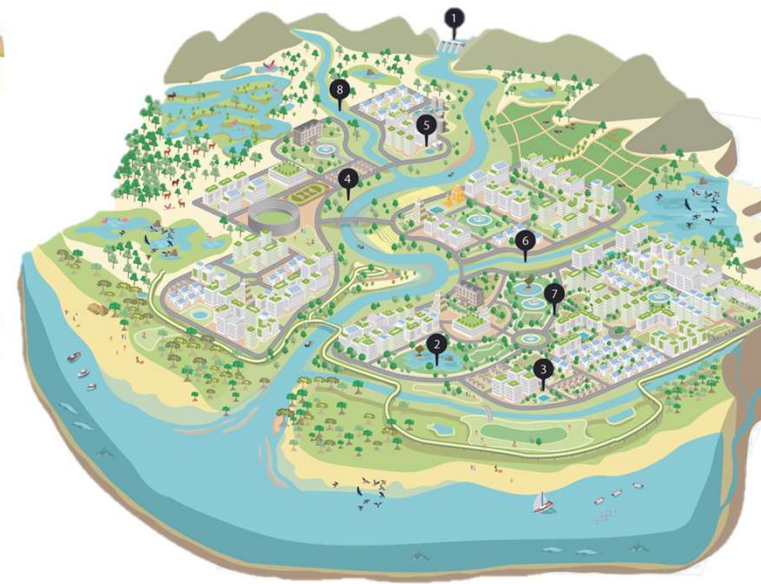


Swales



Comprehensive Drainage Network

INFRASTRUCTURE Interventions





05. Capacity Building

Develop **leaders** and Champions at the city level to **drive decisions & policy interventions**

Training Modules (Right recipe for right dish)

LCCM

Mapping of institutions and their constituencies (Accidental institutional efficiencies)

Project Maturation Facility





06. Partnerships

- Collaboration Across Sectors: Foster partnerships between **government, the private sector, NGOs,** and communities to address climate challenges collaboratively.



Sharing of successful analytics use cases

E3=I3

Engage- Evolve Empower to Ideate innovate and Initiate

**Urban Climate Alliance
River Cities Alliance
Parvat Manthan**





07. Nurturing Future Leaders

- Climate Practitioner Network
- SAAR
- Internship Program
- Thesis Competition



TOWARDS MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE ACTION

EVIDENCE BASED

- Strong data framework to assess where we are
- Strategies and norms based on ground realities and assessment of future potential

INCLUSIVE

- Citizen and stakeholder engagement for plan-making
- Equity in terms of class, gender, age and ability as core principles
- People-friendly (easy to understand) doc

OUTCOME ORIENTED

- All norms geared towards achieving outcomes
- Clear road map - Short-term priorities & projects
- KPI-based assessment framework

DYNAMIC

- Integrated Spatial Planning
- Feedback loop with stakeholders
- Strong action plan and course correction

THANK YOU