



# Daring Cities 2020 Conference

## Why in News

The **Chief Minister of Delhi** will be **among the five urban leaders** from around the world to speak at the 'Daring Cities 2020' conference on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

## Key Points

### ▪ Daring Cities:

- It is a **virtual, action-oriented forum** to recognize and empower **urban leaders** - including mayors and other decision-makers, technical staff, researchers, private sector representatives, and community organizers - to disrupt business-as-usual and shift towards business-as-possible.
- It showcases and catalyzes **exemplary local climate action** to tackle the climate emergency, including ambitious resilience-building and climate mitigation efforts.
- It was **created by ICLEI** and the **Federal City of Bonn** (Germany).
  - It builds upon the experience and network established during the **Resilient Cities Congresses** convened annually from 2010 to 2019 by ICLEI and the Federal City of Bonn.
  - **ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability** is a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development.
    - Many **municipal corporations and councils from India** such as Pune Municipal Corporation, Nainital Municipal Council, North Delhi Municipal Corporation, etc. are **members**.

### ▪ Daring Cities 2020:

- It will be a **three-week event** (7<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October 2020) comprising high level and visionary speakers, a series of informative workshops and personal networking opportunities in a variety of virtual formats to accommodate different topics, time zones, internet bandwidth limits, and languages.
- The event will help to set the course to **COP26, Daring Cities 2021** and beyond.
  - The **26<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26)** to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** will be held in 2021 in Glasgow, UK.

### ▪ India's Participation:

- Delhi CM has been invited alongside urban leaders and decision-makers from Bogota (Colombia), São Paulo (Brazil), Los Angeles (USA) and Entebbe (Uganda) to discuss multilevel action to tackle the climate emergency and environmental sustainability.
- Delhi CM will speak on how Delhi has responded to the existing climate emergency, air pollution crisis, including recent innovative solutions such as the **Pusa decomposer** and the first-of-its-kind **Electric Vehicles (EV) policy** in India to tackle air pollution in the

Capital.

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