

Foreword

Social change takes time and extensive collaboration. As we continue working towards this change, we are honoured to have you as a part of our journey and witness our growth. We wrapped up March, energised by our community participation, exciting new projects, and a renewed determination to work on pathways shaping India's climate and tech future.

Last month our Climate Adaptation Learning Lab (CALL) team travelled to Peru and Kenya to explore and gain community-level insights on how climate change impacts health, human settlements, water, and food systems. Our People's Urban Living Lab (PULL) team has released a new report focused on net-zero pathways in Panaji. Our Future Foresight Forum (3Fs) team has been brainstorming the implications of India's new AI governance guidelines and our Monsoon Academy (MA) team have been working towards the launch of our new fellowship to upskill Maharashtra government officials.

We're also continuously growing and expanding, so be sure to check out the Job Openings section below.

Latest Release

Report: What Does a People-Centric Net-Zero Transition Look Like in Panaji?

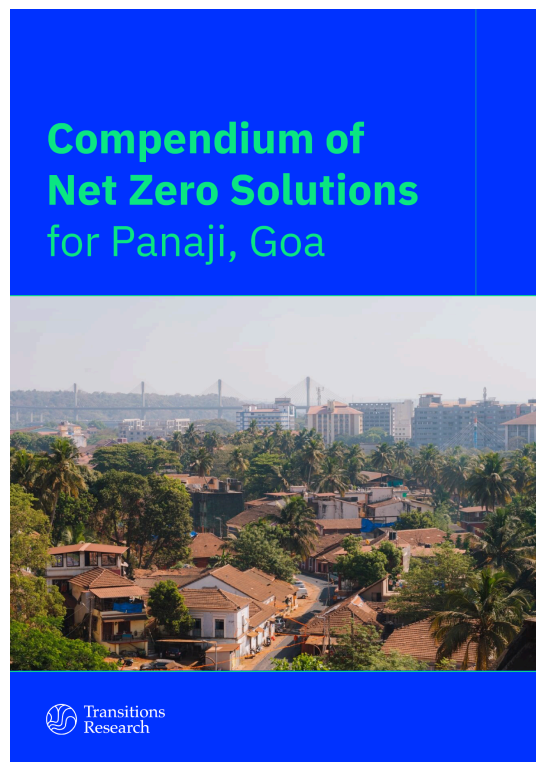
Panaji is racing to achieve net zero by 2050. Goa's capital city is dealing with growing challenges from rapid urbanization and climate change. There has been an undue focus on technological solutions, while the institutional arrangements and societal shifts that must accompany these changes have been overlooked. The city requires equitable, integrated solutions to achieve its ambition.

The People's Urban Living Lab (PULL) at Transitions Research will be launching the *Compendium of Net-Zero Solutions, Panaji*, this week. This report provides an overview of sector-wise socio-technological solutions designed to help Panaji transition to a net-zero society. Net-zero transitions necessitate a comprehensive approach that goes beyond changes in technological and financial systems. This compendium emphasises

the

importance of human-centred solutions that address the city's unique environmental and social challenges, offering practical pathways to reduce emissions and build a more sustainable urban future.

This compendium charts a systematic, multisector path for Panaji's low-carbon journey to shape a future that is both sustainable and inclusive.



[Read the Report here](#)

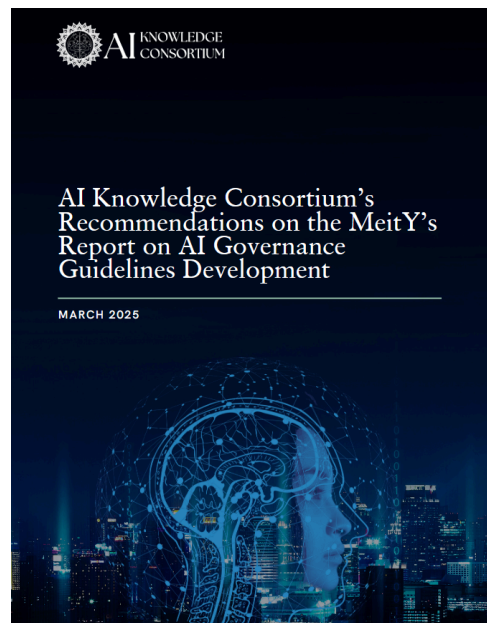
Publications

Shaping the Future of AI Governance – Our Joint Response to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology's (MEITY) AI Governance Guidelines and Development.

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) opened its 'AI Governance Guidelines' report to the public for feedback. As part of the AI

Knowledge Consortium, Transitions Research submitted a joint response to the report to support the development of an ethical and equitable AI landscape in India.

Our recommendations called for clarity and contextualisation in the design and operation of AI's governing principles. Additionally, they highlighted the need for a solid, directive framework for evaluating these principles and emphasised a broader lifecycle approach to assess the impacts of AI-driven activities on indirect parties.



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Events

Advancing Climate Resilience through Local Knowledge and Collaborative Learning as the Tracking, Learning, and Sharing (TLS) Lead of the Adaptation Research Alliance

Latin America Symposium 2025

On 6 March, Transitions Research hosted the Latin America Symposium 2025 in Peru as the lead of the Adaptation Research Alliance (ARA's) Tracking, Learning, and Sharing (TLS) programme, co-hosted alongside Fundación Avina and Libélula.

This symposium brought together voices from across the ARA community to exchange knowledge on climate change and human settlements, disaster resilience, and digital tools for adaptation. These discussions are essential for fostering collaboration and advancing locally led climate solutions across the region.



Africa Regional Symposium 2025

The TLS Africa Regional Symposium 2024-25 in Nairobi brought together diverse voices to explore the complex ways climate change impacts health, human settlements, water, and food systems across the continent. This event was guided by the collective expertise of the Adaptation Research Alliance Africa member organisations and brought together 33 Africa member organisations. The Africa Regional Symposium fostered discussions deeply rooted in local realities and community-driven adaptation strategies.

A major highlight from the discussions was the strong emphasis on community-led resilience. Participants shared compelling case studies of how indigenous practices, decentralised management systems, and innovative planning are already driving climate adaptation on the ground.



A meeting of diverse minds to think together and find solutions to the impacts of climate change: TLS Africa Symposium 2024-25, Nairobi

How can we scale urban resilience where it's needed most?

Find out in this webinar hosted by Global Resilience Partnership (GRP) for the Rise Urban Challenge 2025



Scaling resilience solutions in informal contexts will help cities build resilience for the most vulnerable.

The RISE Urban Challenge seeks to scale urban solutions that address resilience needs in informal settlements.



The Global Resilience Partnership (GRP) hosted a crucial conversation on innovation in informal urban contexts, featuring Ashali Bhandari, Managing Director of People's Urban Living Lab (PULL). This discussion was particularly relevant in the context of the **Rise Urban Challenge 2025**, as the webinar provided insights into what the challenge will entail. Ashali spoke on scaling resilience solutions in informal contexts as a key strategy to help cities strengthen resilience for their most vulnerable communities.

Additionally, key findings from *Informality to Impact*—a report co-authored by GRP and Transitions Research—were highlighted, offering valuable perspectives on the role of innovation in building urban resilience.

Job openings

Research associate for PULL Ajmer

PULL is hiring a Research Associate to support climate action efforts in Ajmer, Rajasthan. This role involves project coordination, performing on-ground data collection and research, and engaging with diverse stakeholders to develop climate strategies for the city.



Location: Ajmer, Rajasthan

Read the full job description here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7305194262797717505>

What we've been reading/watching/listening to

I've been immersed in *Invisible Cities* by Italo Calvino, a mesmerising book that reimagines urban landscapes through poetic dialogues between Marco Polo and Kublai Khan. Each city described is both fantastical and deeply human, reflecting the dreams, fears, and memories that shape the spaces we inhabit. The book reads like a meditation on time, identity, and the invisible forces that define a city's essence. It's a must-read for anyone fascinated by the intersections of imagination and urban life.

– [Hiranya Ganatra](#), *Urban Planning Associate*



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