

EMPOWER URBAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS URBAN REFORMS TRIGGERED BY THE COVID 19 CHALLENGES

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Cities are referred to as engines of economic growth. However, in many states, local governments have limited administrative and fiscal powers. ULBs across India are responding to the best of their financial and human resource capabilities, to take on the challenges posed by Covid 19.

Their institutional limitations are now highlighted, and so is their dependencies on State Governments for implementing a timely, appropriate and effective emergency response.

The 74th CAA, 1992 sanctified the role of ULBs as 3rd tier of Government. However, with respect to functional and fiscal devolution, 74th CAA (vide Article 243W, 243 X and 243 Y) only provides the broad remit for State Governments to further devolve through their respective Acts, such functions, revenues and fiscal transfers. Hence functional role of ULBs, while within boundaries of the 12th Schedule, are dependent on State laws to devolve and empower them. Further, fiscal powers of ULBs are only to the extent the State Governments empower them.

Consequently, ULBs are faced with issues of governance, lack of data/coordination, fiscal constraints, non-inclusive planning, unhygienic living conditions of slums and the needs of urban poor.

The Webinar will engage with experts and practitioners in the field of Urban Governance and Reforms, to understand what larger Reform Agenda needs to be placed on the table today along with the other historic reforms India is taking in other sectors, to make an opportunity out of the crisis that Covid 19 presents us with.

SESSION TOPICS

- Overview of the Urban Sector Governance Challenges and Priorities in Covid
- Strengthening Municipal HR and staffing.
- Strengthening Municipal Systems : Data management, Procurement
- Constitutional Amendment required for strengthening Urban Local Bodies
- Measures to strengthen Revenue and Fiscal independence of ULBs
- Inclusive cities agenda
- Slums Sanitation challenges
- Hygiene and healthy cities with sustainable solutions

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