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Message

India's developmental journey is strongly linked to the governance improvements that have been made over time. Municipalities or Urban Local Bodies play a vital role in determining development outcomes in our cities. The growth of Indian cities, thus, is greatly dependent on the capacity and efficiency of their municipalities.

The idea of improving municipal governance has been central to the approach of the Central Government. The Swachh Survekshan surveys were launched to enhance cleanliness at the municipal level. The Ease of Living Index and the ClimateSmart Cities Index are similar initiatives aimed at providing data-driven insights for city improvement.

Along similar lines, I am pleased to launch the Municipal Performance Index to capture the state of municipal governance across Indian cities. Assessment of the performance of Urban Local Bodies is the way forward to bringing efficiency in their functioning along with transparency and accountability.

This Index confers a data-driven approach to verticals that facilitate urban governance in municipalities across India and assist local government authorities, policymakers and urban planners and practitioners in identifying and tackling gaps in development measures thus driving cities towards better socio-economic outcomes.

I would like to congratulate the Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and other partners involved in the preparation of the Index. I hope that these findings can help facilitate efficient local governance and management of urban India.


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