

Urban Local Government Bodies

Chapter 12: Grassroots Democracy – Part 3: Local Government in Urban Areas · Topic 1

Key Concept

Municipal Corporations govern larger cities, while Municipalities (or Municipal Councils) govern smaller towns, each responsible for local urban administration.

Responsibilities include managing roads, waste collection, water supply, street lighting, and public health services within urban areas.

These bodies are typically headed by a Mayor (in corporations) or Chairperson (in municipalities), along with elected councillors representing different city wards.

Urban local government bodies play an important role in maintaining the quality of life in cities, addressing the unique challenges of dense urban populations.

Quick Revision Notes

- Municipal Corporations govern larger cities.
- Municipalities govern smaller towns.
- Responsibilities include roads, waste, water and lighting.
- Public health services are also managed by these bodies.
- A Mayor heads a Municipal Corporation.
- A Chairperson heads a Municipality.
- Elected councillors represent city wards.
- Urban bodies maintain quality of life in cities.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research your city's or town's local government body.
- 2 Discuss the role of a Mayor or Chairperson.
- 3 Explain one responsibility of an urban local body.
- 4 Compare a Municipal Corporation and a Municipality.
- 5 Discuss a civic issue managed by your local body.
- 6 Research how councillors are elected.