

Chapter 17 : Urban Local Government

Curricular Goal :

CG-8 Understands and appreciates the process of development of the constitution of India and upholds its importance to promote democratic values in Indian society.

Competencies :

C-8.3 Explains the working of the three tiers of local-Self Government and appreciates its significance in upholding democracy at the Grass-root level.

Learning Outcomes :

1. Discuss the meaning of Imphal Municipal Corporations.
2. Explain the power and functions of Imphal Municipal Corporations.
3. Analyse their significance in upholding Democracy at the Grass-root level.

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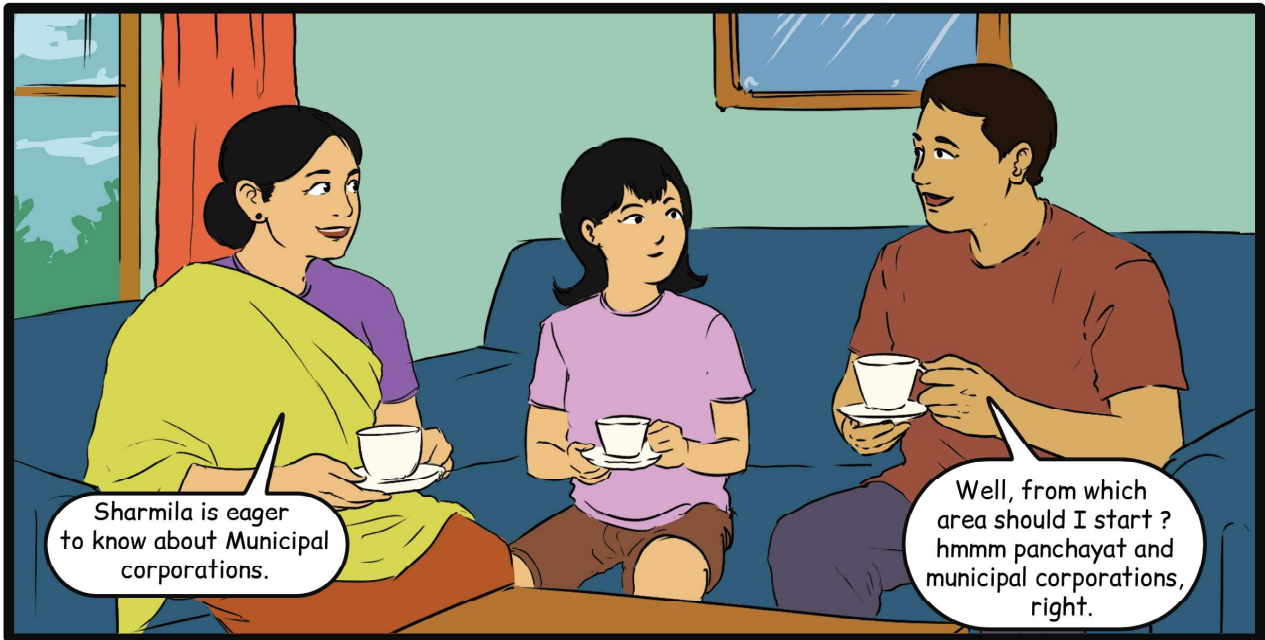
Municipal Corporations is the body that looks after the needs and development of urban areas.



IMPHAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

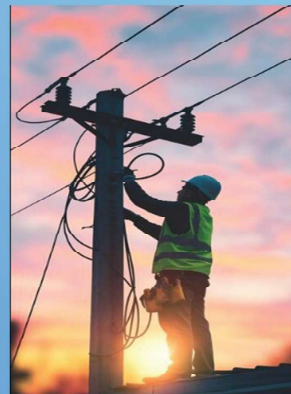
Is it different from the Panchayat Raj of local self government?





Pabung, is the Municipal Corporation different from the Panchayat ?

Panchayat and municipal councils/corporations are the two different types of local government. Panchayats operate in rural areas whereas Municipal corporations operate in large urban areas or towns.



FUNCTIONS OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



The 74th Amendment Act 1993 of the constitution provides three types of municipal institutions.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. Panchayat Raj (rural areas)

2. Municipal Institutions (urban areas)

a) Nagar Panchayats-transitioning rural to urban areas.

b) Municipal councils-smaller urban areas

c) Municipal Corporations large urban areas

In 1956 Imphal town area was designated as Imphal Municipality. The Manipur Municipality Act 1994 then transformed it to the status of a Municipal council. In June 2016, the Imphal Municipal council was upgraded to the status of a Municipal Corporation.

Who are the members of Municipal corporations?

Councilors, mayor, deputy mayor and municipal commissioner.

Imphal is divided into twenty seven wards and twenty seven councilors are elected from each ward.

The administrative head is the Municipal Commissioner who is appointed by the state government.

The head of the Municipal Corporation is called the Mayor and is elected annually by the councilors from among themselves. The deputy mayor is also elected to assist the mayor in the absence of the former.

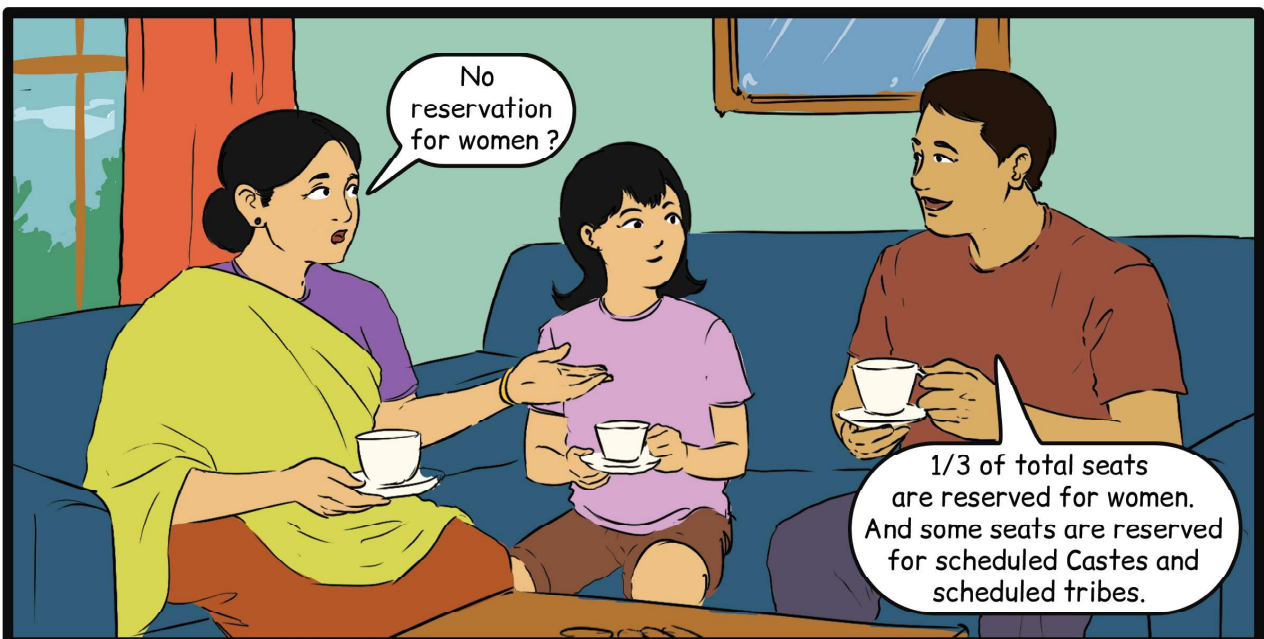


But Papa, is cleaning the market the main tasks of the municipal corporation?



No Ebema, wait I will show you a chart,

- (1) The supply of drinking water and electricity.
- (2) Public Health Sanitation.
- (3) Maintenance of accounts of Births and Deaths
- (4) Provisions of Education and sports
- (5) Cultural activities
- (6) Welfare Services etc.
- (7) Public work





From where does it generate money for running and performing these functions.



These are the sources of funds generated by the Municipal Corporation.

- 1) **Tax on residential, commercial, and industrial properties.**
- 2) **Charges for water supply services.**
- 3) **Tax on advertisements displayed in public spaces.**
- 4) **Tax levied on Cinemas, shows and other recreational activities.**
- 5) **Tax collected from registered vehicles.**
- 6) **Building plan approval charges.**
- 7) **Parking fees.**
- 8) **Fines and penalties for violations of municipal regulations.**
- 9) **Central or state government grants.**
- 10) **Special-purpose grants for disaster management.**



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

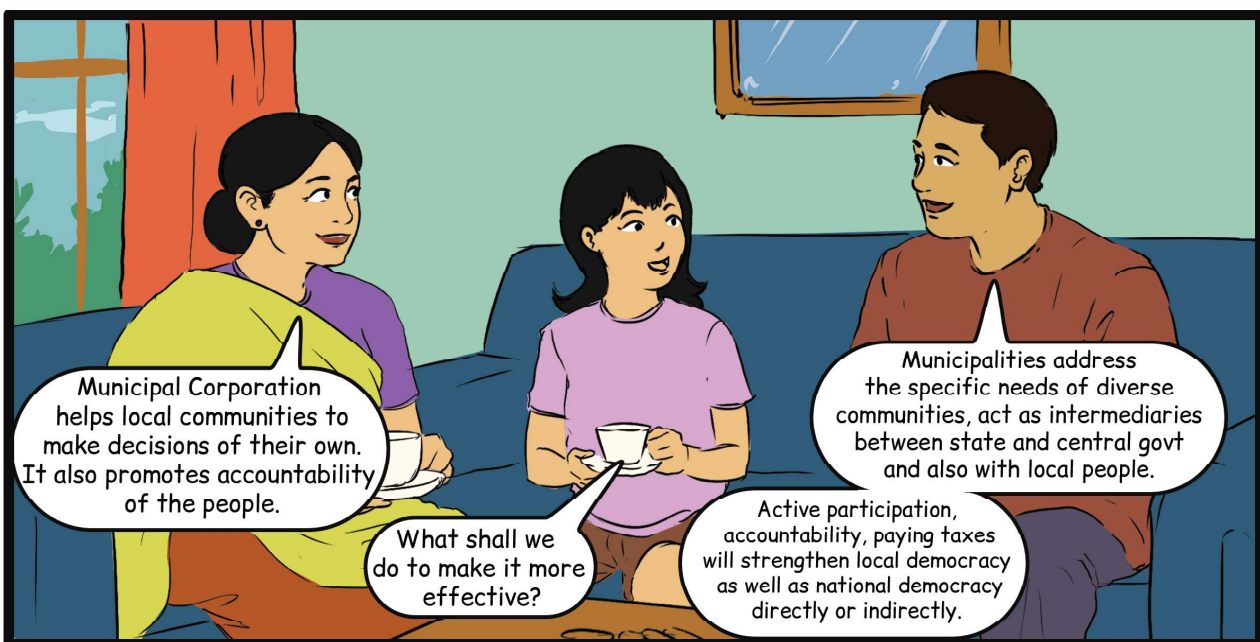


1. A municipal council is for smaller urban areas or towns.
2. Limited sources of revenue
3. Focuses on basic urban services like street lighting, Garbage collection, etc.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



1. A Municipal Corporation is meant for larger cities with higher populations and greater infrastructure needs.
2. Larger budgets and more robust revenue streams.
3. Extensive urban planning, infrastructure development & services.



Activity

1. Organize quizzes on the functions and responsibilities of the Municipal Corporations.
2. Help children to survey key issues like garbage collection and water supply in their locality.