

## India's municipal water challenges and promising developments

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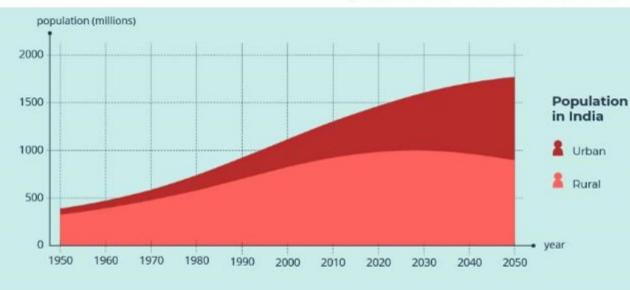


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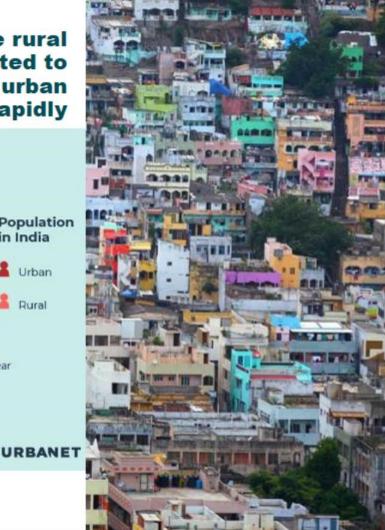
#### India is becoming more and more urban

Around 2030, the rural population is expected to decline while the urban population rises rapidly

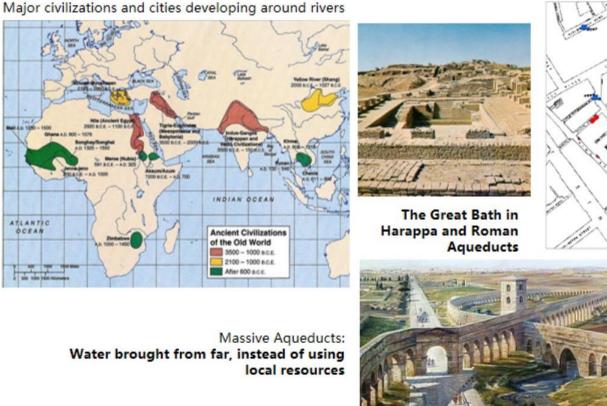


Source: UN DESA, Urban and Rural Population India (2018) World Urbanization Prospects: The 2018 Revision, custom data acquired via website

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#### Water and Sanitation – essential concepts in urban planning for ages



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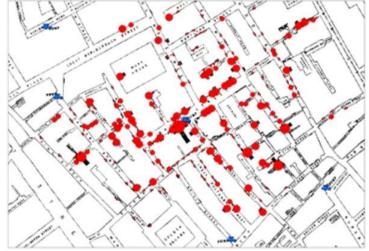
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Physician John Snow links spread of cholera to a polluted water pump during the 1854 Broad Street cholera outbreak in the United Kingdom.

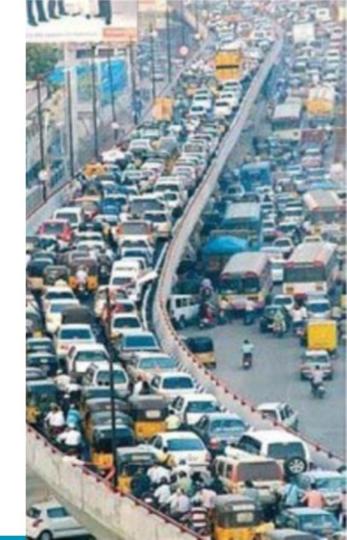
Source: BORDA (2010), "Decentralized waste water treatment: experience sharing", presentation at CEPT University

#### More recently - Conventional Urban Planning has focused more on land use management and road networks

- Land use and transportation planning (roads and parking) have become core focus of city planning
- The usual key assumption is that all infrastructure will follow the road network, which is not always the best suited for water, storm water and sanitation systems. This can often lead to consequences such as:
  - Water demand to be met from distant sources

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- Tendency to build more and more water infrastructure regional imbalance
- Ignoring hydrogeology and groundwater in mainstream planning
- Lakes dry up and then are taken over for development



## A paradigm shift is needed in urban planning – especially in the context of universal access, climate change and financing needs



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#### Access for the low-income groups

Droughts and heatwaves affect low-income groups disproportionately

Those without access to services are more vulnerable to climate change



#### Need for climate resilience

Need "climate-proof" WASH infrastructure and services - self reliant infrastructure in terms of resilience to extreme weather events, sustainability of sources and energy dependency

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#### Need for more and sustainable funding

Achieving the goals for development requires significant investments

While central missions have budgeted significant funds, there is a need for **sustainable funding** at local level





## "Har Ghar Nal" and "Har Nal me Jal"

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## AMRUT 2.0 focuses on

## "Har Ghar Nal" and "Har Nal me Jal"

- AMRUT 1.0 focused on 500 cities for providing services of water supply, sewerage infrastructure, storm water drainage, urban transport and development of green spaces and parks.
- Over 1 crore HH water tap connections were provided under AMRUT 1.0 in 500 cities
- A major objective of AMRUT 2.0 is to move towards universal access to household level water tap in all 4700 statutory towns of India. Nearly 3 crore new tap water connections to be provided to all in all 4,700 statutory towns of India

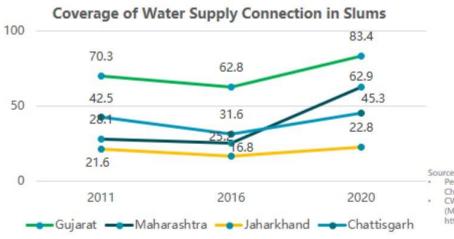
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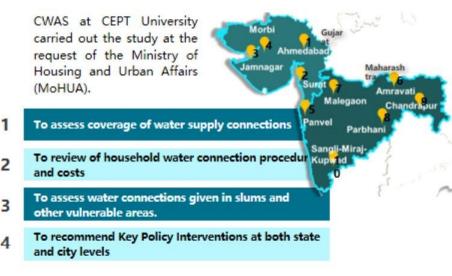
#### Last Mile Connectivity - are water services reaching the vulnerable?

Last Mile Connectivity is ensuring access to safe water to all households of the city including slums and vulnerable communities through individual tap connections

Even through, over the years, coverage of Water Supply and Sewerage Infrastructure has increased, statistics suggest the need to realize the AMRUT 2.0 achievements will require ensuring 'Last Mile Connectivity' even in states such as Gujarat and Maharashtra.



#### A study was conducted to assess 'last mile connectivity' of water supply to slums and low-income households, across 10 cities



ource:

- Performance Assessment Systems (PAS) (2011-2020) "Service Level Benchmark Data for Gujarat, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. PAS.; Image Source: The Print-ANI Feed
- CWAS (2023), Last Mile Connectivity for Urban Water Supply Services : A study done for Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). Available at:

https://cwas.org.in/resources/file\_manager/Last%20mile%20connectivity%20for%20urban%20water%20supply%20services.pdf

## Three challenges that inhibit universal coverage of water connections



Cost Barriers

 Affordability to Obtain

 new Water Connection

 High water tariffs

#### **Infrastructure Barrier**



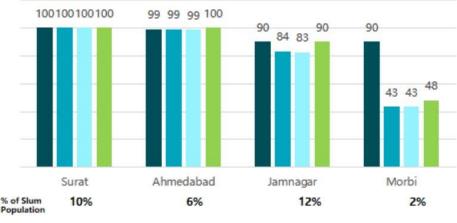
Lack of Distribution Network Coverage

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## Gujarat: 90-100% coverage of water supply network and good coverage of tap connections in 3 out of 4 cities

#### Network Coverage

- Network laid in 90-100% in cities of Gujarat.
- Morbi has than 45% overall tap connections coverage as network is laid in 2021 under AMRUT



- Geographical Coverage
- % of HHs having Tap Connection Total
- % of HHs having Tap Connection Non-Slums % of HHs having Tap Connection Slums

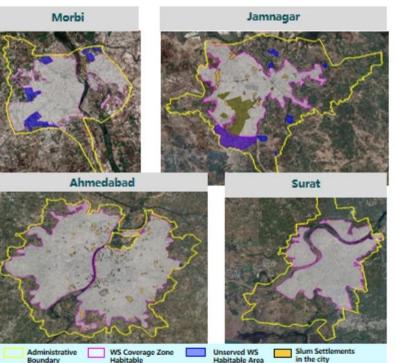
\*For Jamnagar- A large part of the area is military area which counts as one connection \*100 percent network coverage is to be achieved under AMRUT 1.0, due to Covid period there is delay in laying of piped network



Source: SLB PAS Data for Ahmedabad, Surat and Morbi FY 2020-21; Jamnagar data verified and updated by city officials of Jamnagar, 2022

#### **Database Challenges**

Data for water connection is not properly maintained and not digitized.

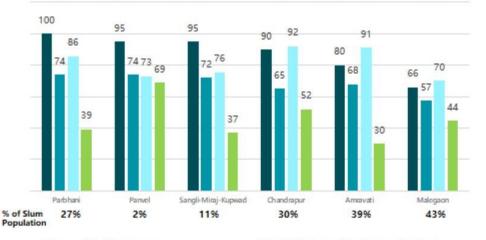


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## Maharashtra: Good network coverage, though coverage in slum areas needs to improve

#### **Network Coverage**

- Clear bifurcation between notified and un-notified slums, the slums which are un-notified do not get services.
- · Dependency on water tankers. Arises possibility of private water market.



Geographical Coverage

% of HHs having Tap Connection Total

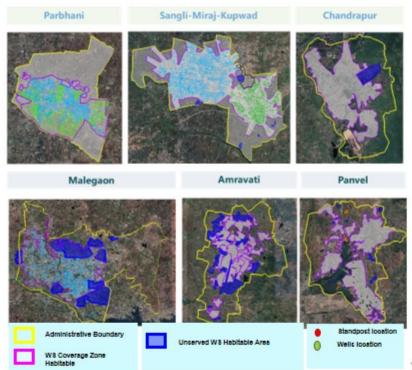
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Source: CWBP 2020-2021 data for Amravati, Paneel and Parbhani; Slum data for Panvel from Shelter Associates 2019 slum HH survey SLB PAS 2020-21 data for Malegaon ; Sangli-Minaj Kupwad data verified and updated by city officials 2022; Chandrapur data retrieved from Notesheet which Chandrapur submits to MoHUA for AMRUT monitoring



#### **Database Challenges**

 Lack of digitized records in cities that do not have metered connection



# AMRUT has enabled "infrastructure networks" to reach to vulnerable areas, though household connections have not been provided to all

- Under AMRUT, cities have achieved their geographical network coverage to more than 90 percent in most cities.
- However, individual water connections have not reached all households, particularly those staying in slum settlements

Many vulnerable areas have to rely on access to water through different measures and practices



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## **Reasons for poor water connection coverage in cities**

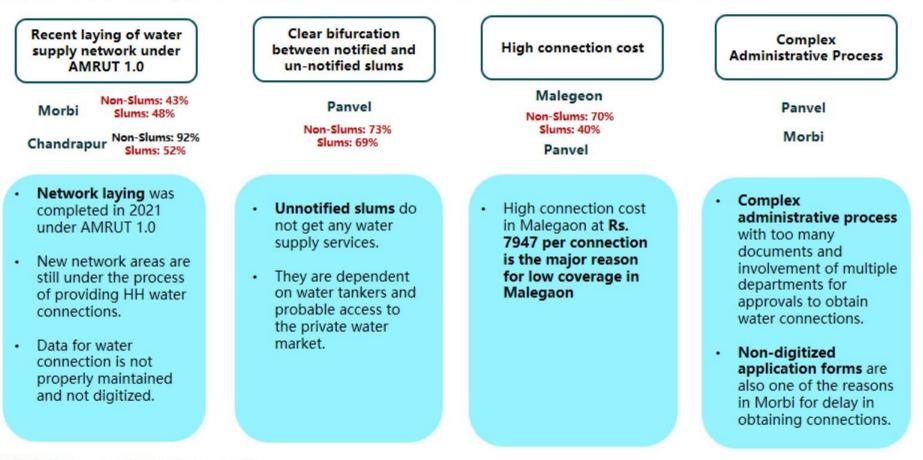
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# Administrative process and water connection charges - challenge in getting connections for vulnerable groups

A four-step process takes 20-45 days to get a new water connection in Gujarat and Maharashtra along with long list of documents requirement for few cities (mainly large corporations)

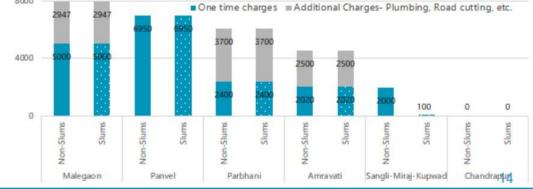


#### Water connection charges vary significantly across cities even in the same state



#### Water connection charges in cities of Gujarat

#### Water connection charges in cities of Maharashtra



## **Tedious documentation processes**

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## High user charges - barrier for urban poor households

Ahmedabad	Surat	Jamnagar	Morbi	Parbhani	Chandrapur	Malegaon	Panvel	Amravati	Sangli Miraj Kupwad
Water tax based on property tax/ property size			Flat Charg	es Per Year po	Metered and Non-Metered Charges Bifurcation Per Year				
30% of the property tax Rs. 100-200** per year for 40-50 m <sup>2</sup> carpet area)	Rs. 174-3750** per year upon the size of the property (0-15m <sup>2</sup> to 501m <sup>2</sup> and above).	Non- slums: Rs.1,150 Slums: Rs.575	Rs.600	Rs. 2,400	Rs.1,430	Rs. 2,611	Metered Rs 9/1000 L Rs. 2187* Per year Non- Metered Rs. 1500	Metered: Rs. 19 per 1000 L till 15,000 L Rs. 29 per 1000 L till 15k-25k L Rs. 5278* per year Non-Meter: Rs. 6,720	Metered: Rs 8/1000 L Rs. 1,944* per year Non-Meter: Rs. 1,920

\*Charges derived for metered connections considering 135 lpcd consumption of water and family size of 5. \*\* Charges derived considering a sample property size

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- Cities have adopted various mechanisms for levying user charges i.e. flat charges, metered slab charges and charges linked to property tax
- The user charges slab is higher in the case of Amravati. These rates are issued by MJP as it is providing water in Amravati.

#### Reducing or removing connection charges for vulnerable communities will encourage them to take individual connections

- Few cities have lowered the connection costs for slums, to increase the individual connections in slums
- Gujarat state level scheme SJMMSVY leveraged everyone to get the connections in Rs. 500 which also reflects in good coverage (i.e. slums and non-slums equal coverage percentage) of individual connections in the cities
- The user charges do not have bifurcation for slum and non-slum households for 9 out of 10 cities. Only Jamnagar has the bifurcation of non-slums and slums with slum user charges rate half in comparison to non-slum user charges.
- Providing equitable rates for water user charges will encourage the slum households to procure individual connections

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## Initiatives to improve water connection coverage

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Ahmedabad: Slum Networking Program (1995) - Network infrastructure network extended to slums with partial investment by participating HHs

Jamnagar: Identification of illegal connections by matching property tax and water tax databases and through site survey

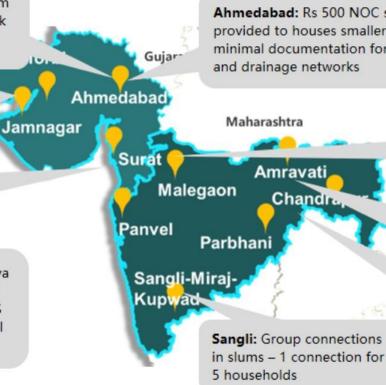
Surat: Free Drinking Water connections (2012) to homes with area and construction critera

Gujarat: Under Swarnim Jayanti Mukhya Mantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana- Nal Se Jal for urban scheme, provision of new WS Connection and regularization of Illegal connections for Rs 500 per

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Ahmedabad: Rs 500 NOC scheme (2002) - NOC provided to houses smaller than 40 sq mts with minimal documentation for connecting to water

> Malegaon: Illegal connections surveyed and legalization process done for 7200/10,000 connections

Amravati: Supportive State scheme Maharashtra Suyarna Mahotsayi Nagari Dalitvasti Water Supply And Sanitation Scheme – utilized for subsidy on connections

Chandarpur: Free water connections through AMRUT programme in

#### Based on the findings of the Last Mile Connectivity study, an advisory was prepared for Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

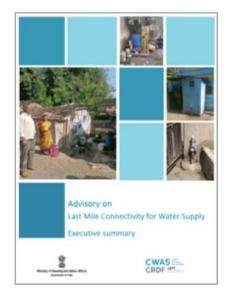


Improving spatial coverage and providing access to all



Alleviating legal and administrative barriers

Affordable connection charges and water tariffs



## **Climate Resilience**



## From creating infrastructure to climate resilience



- Identify natural water bodies –current and defunct and plan to rejuvenate them!
- Strengthening regulatory systems for private wells and borewells

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- Planning bye-laws to promote rainwater harvesting
- ✓ Financial incentives to promote new approach/ Blue-Green Infrastructure at scale

## Need to strengthen own water sources!

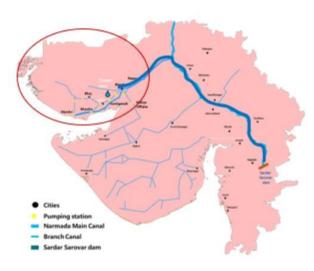
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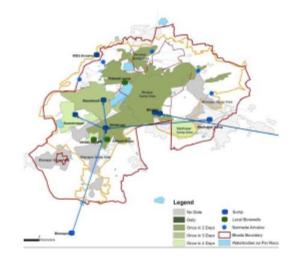
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Water brought from distant Narmada ...

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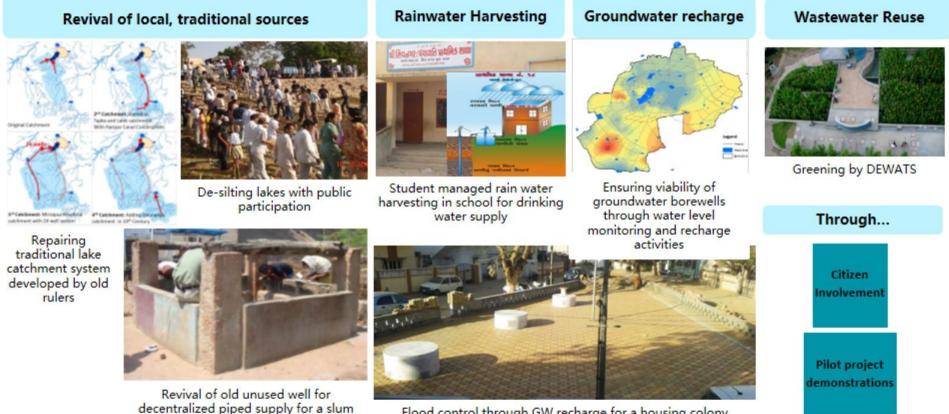


Climate vulnerability, "non-water days" and private water markets



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### Rejuvenation of local water bodies to ensure alternative supply as well as health of groundwater



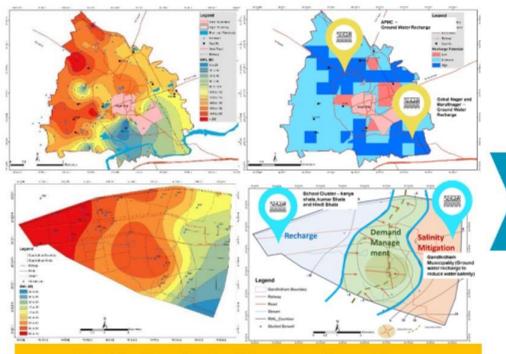
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Flood control through GW recharge for a housing colony

### Geohydrological study for understanding aquifer and watershed of cities leading to groundwater recharge strategies



Identification of potential water recharge sites....

Zone-wise Groundwater recharge structure strategy

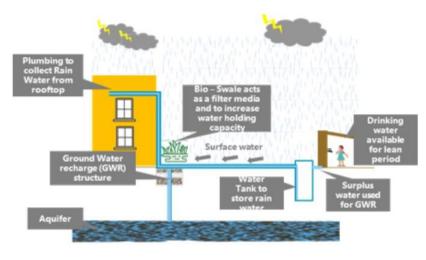


Addressed multiple issues:

Water scarcity, urban flooding, and groundwater depletion

## Rainwater harvesting for drinking water needs during lean period







**3 school cluster** 

**Municipal Council** 

#### Jal Sanrakshan Mela organized in Gandhidham in context of – Launch of National initiative "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari"

Jal Sanrakshan Mela organized in support with Gandhidham Chamber of commerce : 20th -21st July, 2024

1200+ visitors from various walks of life visited the Mela

Visitors included - MP, MLA, Government Officials, Development Authority, Armed forces, citizens

12+ vendors Participated

35+ villagers from nearby villagers visited the Mela

#### "Nukkad Natak" on water conservation



### Engaging women's Self-Help Group for O&M of Climate resilient solar GWTP and reuse of treated used water

- SMC installed a pilot 60 KLD Solar powered GWTP based on the Moving Bed Bio-Reactor at one of its public garden.
- SHG engaged through a SHG friendly contract for O&M of and reuse of usedwater at 2000sqm of garden area through proper trainings
- Installation of 7.5 kVA off grid solar energy system has been done for fulfilling treatment plant's energy requirements.
- Greywater from various typologies like vulnerable areas, apartments, bungalows, hotels etc. is treated at the GWTP.
- Around 17 Million liters of grey water has been treated till the date since January 2022

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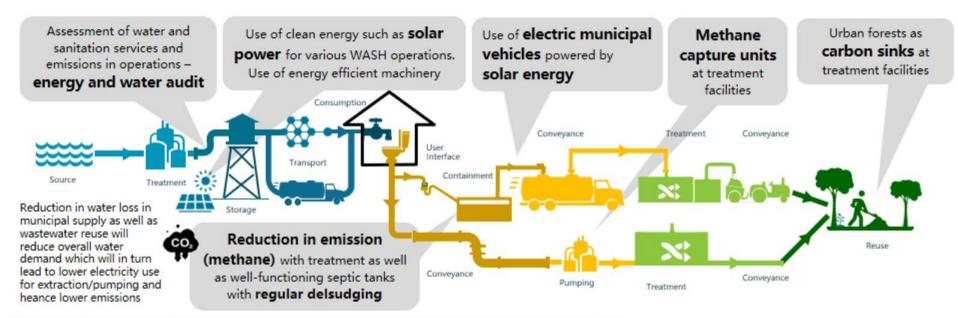
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SHG members operating the SGWTP

Training session for SHG members

## "Greening" water and sanitation infrastructure for cities

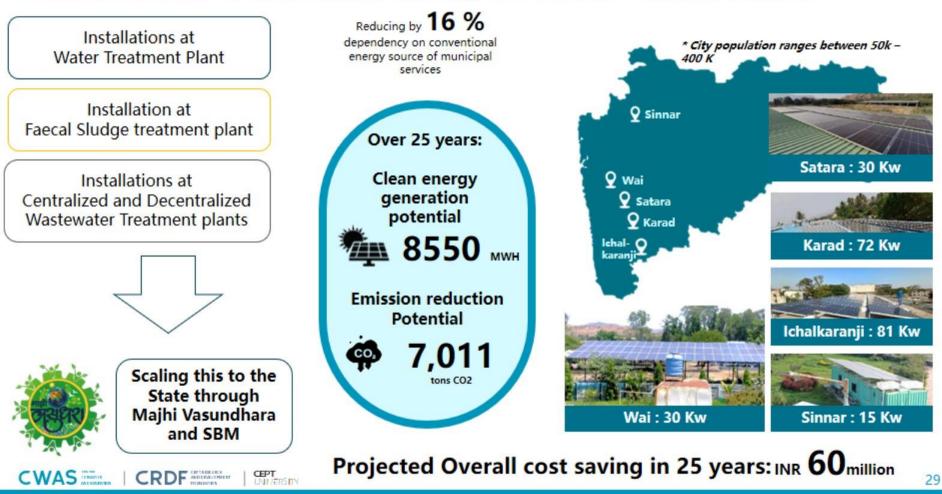






Scaling this to Maharashtra State through Majhi Vasundhara and SBM

## **Demonstration of renewable energy for WASH – Maharashtra**



## Financial resources needed for urban services

## Achieving SDGs and urban growth targets will require additional financing

As per a recent World Bank study, India will need to invest **\$840 billion in urban infrastructure by 2036**- an average of **\$55 billion** or **1.2 percent of GDP per annum**.

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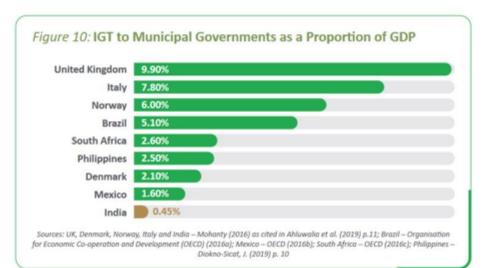
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Indian cities contribute 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of national GDP. Despite the high economic contributions from cities, they receive inadequate Public Funding for urban infrastructure, especially through Intergovernmental trasfers

Source: "Athar, Sohaib; White, Roland; Goyal, Harsh. 2022. Financing India's Urban Infrastructure Needs: Constraints to Commercial Financing and Prospects for Policy Action. © Washington, DC: World Bank. http://hdl.handle.net/10986/38306 License: CC BY 3.0 IGO." 31

## Improving access to public funds

Focus on enhancing predictable and untied intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) to ULBs...



 Cities do not get any benefit from their economic vibrancy as all the buoyant local taxes – such as the octroi, entry tax and local body tax – have been abolished...

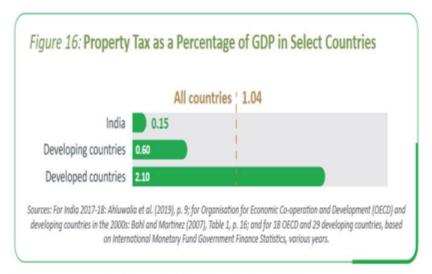
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## Untapped revenue potential from property taxes and other own revenue sources...

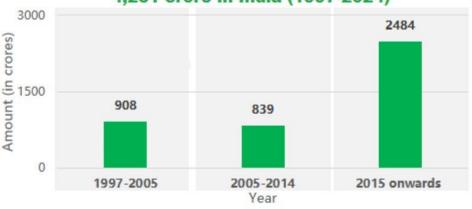


- Incentivising local governments to improve own revenues both tax and non-tax revenues
- Reforms to brings efficiency of Property Tax coverage and collection with market rate indexation

# There is an increasing recognition of the need to mobilise infrastructure investments through market borrowings

#### The municipal bond market size increased by 5X

due to the incentives worth INR 13 crore on INR 100 crore bond amount under AMRUT reforms



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#### Issuance of Municipal and Pooled Bonds worth INR 4,231 crore in India (1997-2024)

#### Stronger "creditworthiness" improves a city's ability to access different financing resources

#### **Creditworthiness Assessment Framework for cities**

- Creditworthiness Assessment for cities as Precursor to actual credit rating and decision to borrow.
- Round table meet at MoHUA to promote enhancing the creditworthiness of cities.

#### ESG Assessment Readiness Framework for cities

 Encourage cities to become ESG-ready and create an enabling environment for investors to make decisions about their investments in cities.

Source: www.sebi.gov.in, www.mohua.gov.in, 2018, AMRUT 2.0 operational guidelines, MoHUA, 2021, Discussions with CFAs of Gujarat and Maharashtra, 2023

#### Innovative approach of raising finance through green bonds and carbon credits - Case of Indore

#### **Green Bonds**



#### Green bonds over municipal bonds as it was easier to obtain carbon credits for a "green" project



Prerequisite checklist helped with ready made data availability

#### **Carbon Credit Mechanism**



Bundling of solar projects to obtain carbon credits Verification and

authorization through EKI

Selling of carbon credits worth INR 52 lakhs which is encashed for O&M of WASH solar project



- Currently, there is a voluntary carbon credit market in India..Gol plans to develop the Indian Carbon Market (ICM) where a national framework will be established to decarbonize Indian economy by pricing GHG.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, along with Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change are developing the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme for this purpose.

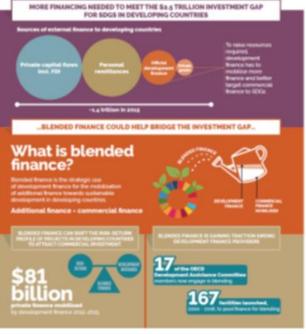
## **Innovative Financing Approaches: Blended Finance**

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#### BLENDED FINANCE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

BRINGING DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIAL FINANCE TOGETHER

Elended finance could help bridge the investment gap for the Sustainable Development Goals in developing countries. During governments need to ensure blending approaches attract commercial sources of finance and directs these to development outcomes.



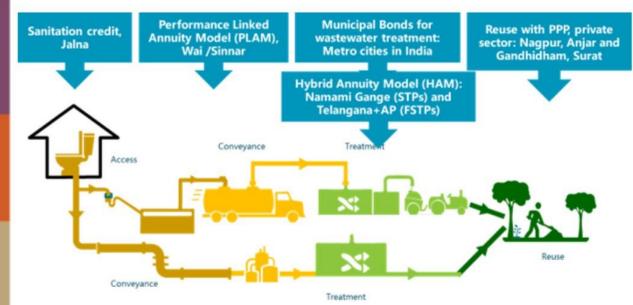
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Blended Finance is an instrument to demonstrate the "Strategic use of development finance and philanthropic funds to mobilize private capital flows to emerging and frontier markets" (OECD)



Source: OECD (2018), Making Blended Finance Work for the Sustainable Development Goals, OECD Publishing, Paris, http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264288768-en.

#### Impact Investment in India – Experiences in Education and Health

Impact bonds (IBs) are outcomes-based contracts or pay-forsuccess financing. They use private funding from investors to cover the upfront capital required for a provider to set up and deliver a service. The service is designed to achieve measurable pre-specified outcomes. The investor is repaid only if these outcomes are achieved.

#### THE EDUCATE GIRLS DEVELOPMENT MPACT BOND: MODEL FOR IONAL DEVELOPMENT

- DIB of USD 267,000 Three-year intervention focusing on improved learning outcomes and enrolment numbers for out-of-school girls.
- It targeted 18,260 school-going children in the Bhilwara district of Rajasthan.



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## In summary

Ensure last mile connectivity for water supply services



Promote climate resilience for own water sources and exploring alternative sources



Focus on enhancing public funds and leveraging innovative financing mechanisms





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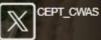


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