

## DEPARTMENTS of ECONOMICS and SOCIOLOGY: ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE

### WEBINAR REPORT:

26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

A Webinar on “**Status of Urban Governance in India**” jointly organized by the Departments of Economics and Sociology, St. Edmund's College, Shillong on the **26<sup>th</sup> April 2021** from 4pm to 5.30pm.

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**"STATUS OF URBAN GOVERNANCE  
IN INDIA"**

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**TIME: 04:00 PM - 05:30 PM**  
**PLATFORM: ZOOM APP**

**SPEAKER:**  
**MR. AVIRAL NARAYAN DUBEY**  
PROJECT OFFICER,  
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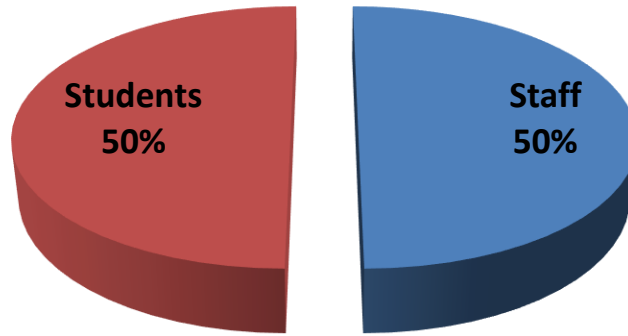
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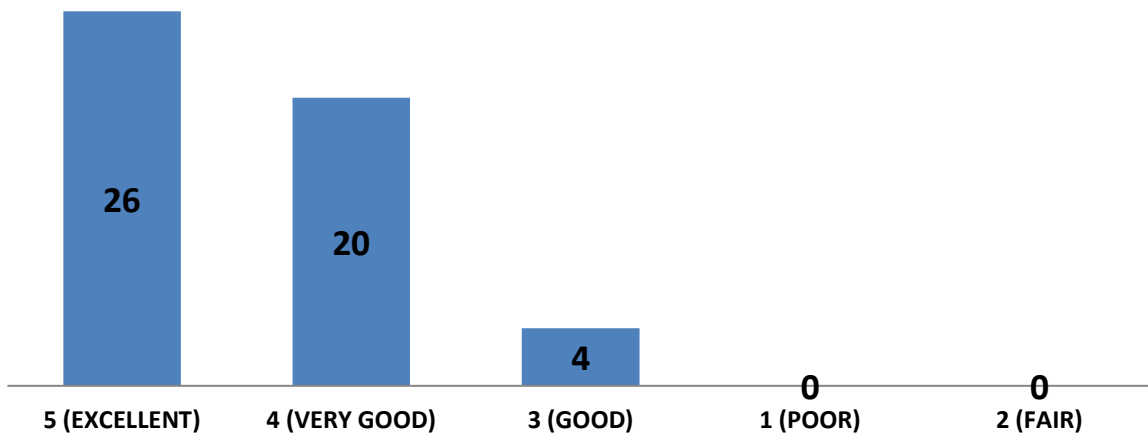
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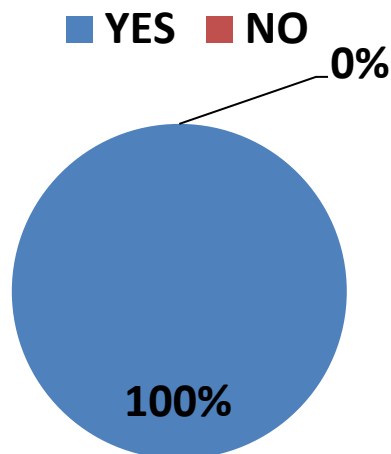
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**RATING THE WEBINAR**



**DID YOU BENEFIT FROM THE WEBINAR?  
DID IT PROVIDE YOU INFORMATION ON THE  
IMPORTANCE OF URBAN GOVERNANCE?**



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Dr. Anika will start the session as soon as she has logged in

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From Dipanker Deb to Everyone: Good evening all

From L Jeemgaph to Everyone: Good evening

From Debopriya Bhattacharjee to Everyone: Good evening all!

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**Provisions of the 74th Amendment**

It put the relationship between the state government and urban local bodies (ULB) on a firmer footing; and made it a constitutional obligation for the state governments to add the system of municipalities in accordance to the Act.

It sets out broad framework guidelines for the implementation of the Act:

1. Ensuring the regular conduct of elections; and timely elections in the case of supersession
2. Providing adequate representation for weaker sections of society, such as Schedule Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women.
3. State Finance Commission: Functions and taxation powers, Arrangements for revenue sharing
4. Establishment of Ward Committees

**PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY**

**FACT** Principle of subsidiarity is an idea that a central authority should have a subsidiary function, performing only those tasks which cannot be performed effectively at a more immediate or local level.

**RELEV** 2019 marks the 50th year of the 74th Constitutional amendment giving constitutional status to City Governments which is the spirit of subsidiarity principle.

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- **TWO CRUCIAL THINGS YOU LEARNED FROM THE WEBINAR**

- 1) Municipal Bodies should be given more authority
- 2) Common citizens should be given more power in electing their mayor

Urban governance is really important for a better development of the economy

- 1) Awareness of the much bigger role that Municipal Corporations play in Urban Governance
- 2) Performance Index of different cities in Urban Governance

- 1) For good governance there has to be transparency and accountability
- 2) Coordination between the different departments is important and citizens have to be informed and empowered

- 1) Urban Governance Index
- 2) Status of Implementation of Urban Reforms

- 1) Functions of Municipal Corporations
- 2) Obstacles in the functioning of city governments

- 1) Importance of municipal councils
- 2) The ground reality of their power in decision-making

- 1) City governments have the potential to do good for the city
- 2) Various challenges and hurdles for the city governments to fully

- 1) Urban governance pros and cons
- 2) The challenges are in most cases unforeseen. The analytical points could ease the governance of urban areas

- 1) Urban planning should involve local participation
- 2) Urban planning requires funding

- 1) PRAJA organisation for better governance and democracy
- 2) Challenges faced in cities

**Being able to voice out from grassroots level and yes we also can help others to voice**