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CLASS IV

SOCIAL STUDIES

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT IN CITIES

WELCOME

Do silent reading of the lesson



Local Self-government in Cities

Get Set!

Here are a few things the government does for us.

- keeps the streets clean
- provides electricity
- installs dustbins
- builds roads
- provides drinking water
- runs public transport

Take up all these points one by one. Discuss in class what you can do to help the government. For example, the government tries to ensure cleanliness. You can contribute by not littering and throwing waste in dustbins only.

All of us need some basic things such as drinking water, electricity, roads, transport, schools, colleges and hospitals. These are called civic amenities or public utility services.

In our country, the government provides these civic amenities to the people. The government works

at three levels:

- centre
- state
- local

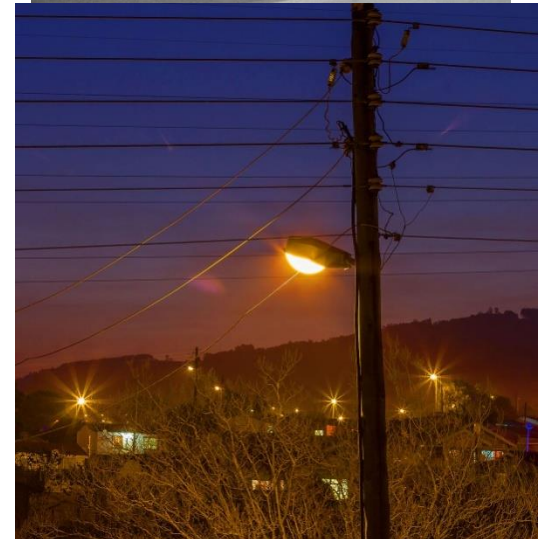
The local self-government or the government elected by the people at the local level provides civic amenities to the people. In a village,

The government provides us many civic amenities.



Few things the government does for us-

Clean roads/streets/ hospitals/ schools/ street
lights






the gram panchayat provides these amenities to the people. In towns and cities, these are provided by municipal communities or municipal corporations.

The local government which looks



FactWise

The Chennai Municipal Corporation was set up in 1688. It is the oldest municipal corporation in India. It is also the second oldest in the world, after London.

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Quick recap

- In cities, municipal committees or municipal corporations provide civic amenities to the people.
- Any person who is 18 years of age and above can vote in a municipal election. The elected members are called municipal councillors.
- Local bodies collect money through taxes. They also get money from the state government.



Read and answer



A Circle the correct answers.

1. A hospital / restaurant is a civic amenity.
2. The gram panchayat / municipal committee provides civic amenities in a village.
3. The minimum age to vote in a municipal election is 18 / 21 years.
4. A president / mayor is the head of a municipal corporation.
5. Local self-governing bodies collect money through taxes / donations.

B The underlined word in each sentence is incorrect. Write the correct word.

1. The government elected at the local level is called the state self-government. _____
2. Nagar nigam is the other name of a municipal corporation. _____
3. One municipal councillor is elected from each town. _____
4. Local bodies receive money from the central government. _____

C Answer these questions.

1. What is local self-government?
2. What is the difference between a municipal committee and a municipal corporation?
3. Who elects the members of the local bodies?
4. Write five functions performed by local self-governing bodies.
5. Where do the local bodies get money from?

D Think and answer.

Harjeet is a 19-year-old boy from Amritsar visiting his friend Selvan in Mumbai. Selvan is 17 years old. Can Harjeet and Selvan vote in the municipal elections? Why or why not?

