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Chapter 2 (Civics)
Urban Local Self Government

Good Morning Students!

In Term I we had studied about the rural local self government. In this chapter we will study about urban local self government which was given a proper shape by the Constitution 74th Amendment Act, 1992. It has provided for three types of urban local self government. Let us discuss about these in this lesson one by one.

1. Nagar Panchayats :- It is a local self governing body in an area which is the process of changing from rural to urban type. Such an area cannot have a Municipality but needs a local governing body for smooth running of administration. For electing members to Nagar Panchayat, the area is divided into wards. Generally it is elected for five years. However it can be dissolved earlier if it does not function properly.
2. Municipal Council :- It is a local self governing body for small towns and cities. The members of Municipality are elected by the registered voters of an area. i.e. all citizens 18 years of age and above. For contesting the election, a

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person has to be 21 years of age or above. From each ward a member is elected who is called as the councillor. Like the rural local self government, seats here are also reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and women. A Municipal Council has its own chairperson and deputy chairperson, elected from amongst the members themselves. A Municipal Council also has some permanent officials like Secretary, Health Officers, Sanitary Inspectors, Education Officers, etc.

3. Municipal Corporation - It is the local-self governing body for big cities. The election procedure is same as in the case of Municipal Council. The head of the Municipal Corporation is called Mayor who is elected by the members themselves. There are some officials appointed by the state government in Municipal Corporation. One of these is a Municipal Commissioner who acts as a link between the government and the Corporation.

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1. Nagar Panchayat, Municipality, Municipal Corporation
2. Municipal Council
3. Women
4. Aldermen
5. The Municipal Commissioner