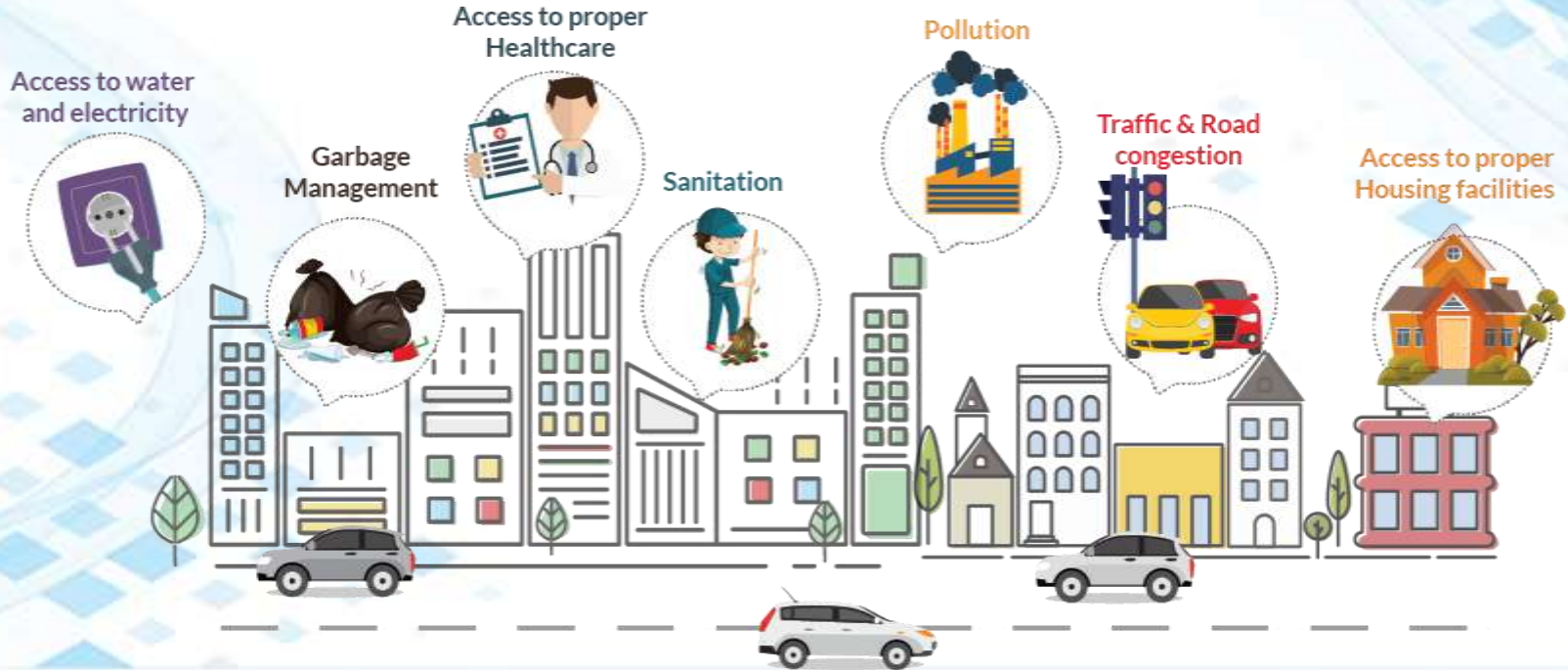




The world's cities are growing at an exponential pace and with this rapid urbanization, the cities are facing innumerable challenges.

Our Indian cities are no exception, with some of the challenges being:





Who is responsible for addressing our city challenges
-Government, Citizens or both?

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As a student, how can I be an engaged and active citizen?

I can be an active citizen by following the below practices.



Taking care of my school, parks, playgrounds and other public spaces. We have been given these spaces for learning & recreation and in return we must keep them clean and in order.



Treating everyone with respect, as every citizen has the right to be treated with respect and dignity. We must treat people the way we want to be treated.



Saving water and electricity at home, school and wherever I go, so that there is enough water and electricity for us and the future generations.



Following road safety and traffic rules, will ensure that we and others are safe while on the road.



Using public transport, as it helps reducing traffic congestion and overall level of pollution.



Not throwing plastic and other items in lakes and rivers as it pollutes the water bodies, impacting the environment and animals.

6 children were killed and 3 others injured in Bihar when a car carrying them, skidded off the road and fell into a pit filled with water. The driver took a sharp turn to avoid hitting a child standing on the road.

More children die In road crashes than from crimes against them.

"People using mobile phone and taking selfies while driving are increasingly posing a greater risk to themselves and others as well," Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways, 2017

Talking and driving will see your licence cancelled in Rajasthan.

11 school kids injured in 4 road accidents in Raipur. In all the four incidents, the school bus driver was found to be overspeeding.

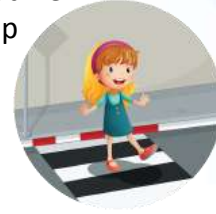


29 children die every day on Indian roads.





Following road safety and traffic rules will ensure that we and others are safe on the road and will help prevent injuries and accidents.



Use the footpath/pavement for walking along the road.
If there is no footpath/Pavement, walk near the edge of the road facing oncoming traffic.

Always use pedestrian crossings such as overhead bridges, zebra crossings and subways wherever provided.



Look left, right and left again and only if the road is clear, cross the road.



Avoid using headphones/mobile phones while crossing the road as it causes distraction.



Do not run while crossing the road or play on the road.

Following road safety and traffic rules will ensure that we and others are safe on the road and will help prevent injuries and accidents.



Follow the traffic signals while riding.



In the absence of a cycle lane, keep to Extreme left hand side of the road.



Use good quality cycle helmets-preferably light coloured with reflector strips.



Do not race on the road.



Do not perform acrobats on the road.



When riding after sunset, use a headlight.



Avoid holding onto another moving vehicle as sudden breaking can injure.



Frequently use the bell to warn others on the road of your presence.



Do not cycle in between moving traffic.



Avoid using headphones/mobile phones while cycling.

“People helping people makes this world a better place”



Good Samaritan Law

1. The law came into being on 30th March 2016, as per the Supreme Court Judgment.
2. Karnataka is the first state in the country to enact the Law.
3. The law provides legal protection to those who come to the aid and rescue of victims of road crashes.
4. People can come forward and help victims of road accidents with first aid or take them to the hospital without any fear of harassment by the police or the hospital.
5. A good Samaritan cannot be forced to reveal his/her personal details.

As a responsible and active citizen on the road, we must:



Obey and respect road safety and traffic rules to ensure our and the safety of others around us. Not respecting and following rules on the road can lead to serious injuries and also prove to be fatal.



Create awareness amongst family, friends and others in the neighbourhood on our responsibilities/civic duties as a citizen and more specifically the need and importance of following road safety and traffic rule.



Be a good Samaritan and report traffic violations through the M-Parivahan launched by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.



In case of no footpath/pavement, broken/uneven roads, no traffic signals; we must reach out to the relevant local authorities to address the above for everyone's safety.

Police



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Fire



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Ambulance



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Child Helpline



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Women Helpline



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Senior Citizen Helpline



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Disaster management



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**Road Accident
Emergency Service**



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Obeying and respecting road safety and traffic rules is one of the ways of being a responsible and active citizen. There are many other ways you can be an active citizen in your community.

Below is a pledge you can take to show your commitment to becoming an active citizen.

I.....take the Active Citizenship Pledge

I am a citizen of India

I care about my responsibilities and my rights. I care about my friends, family and my community.

I respect the rules of my city and my country.



I pledge to:

- ✓ *Taking care of my school, parks, playgrounds and other public spaces.*
- ✓ *Treating everyone with respect.*
- ✓ *Saving water and electricity at home, school and wherever I go.*
- ✓ *Following road safety and traffic rules.*
- ✓ *Segregating waste, not littering and always throwing garbage in dustbins.*
- ✓ *Using public transport.*
- ✓ *Not throwing plastic and other items in lakes and rivers.*



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