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Urban India needs to have a good governance with functional metropolitan cities. Analyse

As per census 2011, 377 million people live in the urban areas. The recent floods in Chennai and the increasing air pollution in Delhi emphasises the need to have good urban governance.

Functionalising metropolitan cities

City centres are the engines of growth as they incorporate large number of people. Due to urban spread, the mangroves, wetlands are encroached upon.

This results in frequent floods as they are low lying areas. The local bodies are not involved in the effective urban planning which is one of main reasons.

Intervention

The schemes such as smart cities, Ambat, Smart Bharat - Urban, and PM Awas Yojana - Urban all have been aimed at improving life in urban areas.

The 15th Finance Commission sanctioned 8000 crore fund to states to create and incubate cities. The metropolitan planning committee while preparing the draft development plan must incorporate sustainability solutions.

Also there is lack of clarity and overlap of jurisdiction in the department

cities contribute 60% of GDP of the country. A fully functional metropolitan plan is necessary to achieve SDG-11 - Sustainable cities and communities

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