



India : the challenge of urban governance
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What should be done to manage and govern cities in the developing countries?

Cities in the developing countries are continuing to grow at rates that are far in excess of the capacity of city administrations to cope with. Cities in many countries are encountering the challenge of the erosion of borders, or globalization, as it is generally referred to. Cities, often the same cities which are racing up to enhance their competitiveness in the global and national markets, are simultaneously faced with the challenge of widespread poverty and deprivation. As the developing countries begin to accept the inevitability of urbanization and as they recognise that there are limits to what the State can do, the issue of how to manage urbanization and govern cities has become extremely important in most discussions on urban policy.

It is in this context that leading urban researchers from India have looked at, in the context of India's urbanization, the issue of urban governance, the roles of the State and the market, and their capacities to be able to deal with the problems of growth, poverty, globalization and decentralisation. This book, *India : The Challenge of Urban Governance* consists of their contributions.

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