

Role of Local Government in Achieving SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities in Developing Nations with a Focus on India

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Abstract: Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 emphasizes on the need to make the cities safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable. Achieving this goal in developing countries like India, requires addressing challenges such as rapid urbanization, inadequate infrastructure and environmental degradation. Local government plays a vital role in promoting sustainable urban development through implementation of policies, promoting innovation and engaging communities. This study examines the contributions, challenges and opportunities of local government in developing countries, particularly India. By analysing the case studies, policy frameworks and global best practices, the study identifies all feasible strategies to strengthen the local governance and align it with the SDG 11 agenda.

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