

## **Mumbai Head Office Address**

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### **Concept Note: Praja Elected Representatives Fellowship Programme Cohort – 2 (Delhi)**

Over the last two decades, Praja Foundation has been working towards enabling accountable governance. We conduct data-driven research on civic issues and explain the ground reality to citizens, media, and government/administration. We also closely work with elected representatives, equipping them to address inefficiencies in their work processes, bridging information gaps, and mobilising in taking corrective steps for change through various capacity-building activities.

One of the several capacity-building efforts by Praja Foundation to enhance governance in Delhi & Mumbai has been the Elected Representatives (ER) Fellowship Programme. This program is designed to raise awareness among participating fellows about the realities of urban governance and the powers and functions of elected representatives. It aims to shape educated and skilled future political and social leaders by providing hands-on experience working alongside Municipal Councillors and MLAs.

During the fellowship, the chosen candidates get the opportunity to assist municipal councillors and MLAs in fulfilling their constitutionally mandated functions, such as raising questions on the floor of the house/committees. The fellows are supported with data and research to aid them in this endeavour. They also work closely with elected representatives on various verticals like civic, health, and education, as well as other prevalent issues.

To ensure a productive fellowship experience, Praja coordinators organize weekly and monthly review meetings with the fellows. These meetings allow the fellows to share their detailed experiences from the previous month. Capacity Building Workshops are also conducted to provide theoretical knowledge alongside practical exposure to good governance processes.

The impact of the ER Fellowship Programme extends to the councillors as well, as evidenced by their consistent outreach to the fellows for data related to their wards or assistance in framing questions for council meetings and ward level gatherings.

Praja commenced ER Fellowship Programme first in 2017 in Mumbai and later extended it to Delhi in 2019. Multiple batches of ER Fellows in India's foremost megacities worked on multiple Municipal Corporation associated projects. City Leadership has repeatedly admired fellows for their enthusiasm, and dedication to work for governance improvements. Fellowship Alumni also moved to achieve high academic and professional success. With similar objectives in focus, early this year, ER Fellowship Programme was inaugurated in Srinagar.

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So far, Praja Foundation has run four batches of ER Fellowship in Mumbai (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2022-23), 1 batch in Delhi (2019-20) and 1 batch in Srinagar (2022-23). The fellows from the first batch of Mumbai invested 9,120 man-hours of work whereas the second batch invested 13,789 man-hours. Fellows from the Delhi batch invested 5,790 man-hours of research support to the councillors. The Mumbai ER Fellowship batch 3 in 2019-20 spent 13,543 man-hours assisting the councillors. They conducted 1,146 meetings with Mumbai councillors to provide data and research support. Fellows selected for the 2022-23 batch in Mumbai have so far dedicated 6055 man-hours in the last seven months while Fellows in Srinagar have invested 2885 human-hours in the last four months.

ER Fellowship Alumni have a demonstrated history to assist the councillors in research and in drafting questions. Fellows regularly refer to the annual Health, Education, Civic Service and Crime white papers of Mumbai, which Praja meticulously compiles to maintain checks and balances in the local governance. In 2017-18, research assistance by the first batch of fellows was materialised in 47 questions raised in the house. In 2018-19, 126 questions were raised by the councillors and in 2019-20, 355 questions were raised by councillors in various committees & General Body Meetings (GBMs) in Mumbai. Participating councillors have repeatedly approached Praja and Fellowship Alumni to either procure data or assist in framing questions they may raise on the floor of the house or at ward-level meetings.

As part of the upcoming Cohort -2 of the ER Fellowship Programme in Delhi, 12 carefully selected students will be paired up and assigned specific wards to work with local elected representatives for a period of 6 to 7 months. Before commencing their fieldwork, Praja will conduct rigorous training to prepare the fellows for their responsibilities.

Throughout the fellowship, the selected candidates will actively engage with various stakeholders in the governance process, including elected representatives, administration, and other field experts in Delhi. In preparation for the upcoming ER Fellowship Programme in Delhi, the promotion of the fellowship will begin in colleges in Delhi from July 2023 onwards. This initiative reflects Praja Foundation's commitment to empowering the youth and fostering a more accountable and efficient governance system.

<b>Important Dates for the Fellowship</b>	
Registration Opens	24 July 2023
Last date of Registration	6 August 2023
Interview	9 August 2023
Orientation	12 – 19 August 2023

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