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## Concept Note:

### Praja's National Urban Youth Fellowship Programme (For Mumbai, Delhi and Lucknow)

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Over the last 26 years, Praja Foundation has been dedicated to foster accountable governance through extensive data-driven research on civic issues. The Governance Fellowship Programme is a unique and exciting opportunity for young citizens to learn how city governments function and be part of running their cities. It is organised by the Praja Foundation with support from Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies.

#### Objectives:

Praja's Fellowship Programme will build understanding on urban governance, various powers and functions of the elected representatives through comprehensive fieldwork and encourage youth participation in democracy. This program is designed to raise awareness among participating fellows about the realities of urban governance, service deliveries and the roles & functions of elected representatives in raising matters of public concern and raising questions on issues on the floor of the legislative forums and committees. In this process, fellows will undertake extensive research and data-collection work on civic, public health, education and other issues which broadens their horizons towards understanding their cities better and continue to take actions towards improving the city.

#### Fellowship Format:

The Fellowship Programme will begin in February 2025. 22 youth will be selected for the role, through a structured selection process. Cohort-size at city level will be 10 in Mumbai, 6 in Delhi and 6 in Lucknow)

The fellows will go through a comprehensive orientation programme to build a foundational understanding of urban governance concepts and the structure of local city governance. Following this, they will be involved in research on urban governance reforms, municipal finance, service delivery, citizen participation etc. Besides, they will provide support in organising capacity-building workshops for elected representative and administration, Prajatantra- National Youth Festival, amongst other event. . During the period of the fellowship, the fellows will engage with various stakeholders in the process of governance including but not limited to elected representatives, administration and other field experts.

Praja will organise capacity building sessions facilitated by experts, weekly and monthly review meetings with the fellows to ensure active peer learning within the cohort. Coordinators will also share their feedback as well as guide them in their upcoming tasks

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## Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding of the process of data collection and research in different government departments
- Build knowledge of the Right to Information Act and its functions,
- Experience and comfortability in interacting with government officials
- Understanding of data entry, data analysis and the process of creating white papers/reports
- Knowledge of the process of outreach with elected representatives and other stakeholders
- Understanding of Urban Governance and Municipal Finance in other cities in India
- Understanding the importance of media and communications in outreach and advocacy.
- Hands-on experience of participating in the governance process with mentorship from experts and changemakers.
- Networking with professionals and experts in their field, expanding the professional network and developing prospective career opportunities.
- Develop hard and soft skills i.e. interpersonal communications, time management, research and others.

**Note: Note: Praja's Fellowship Programme, will be an offline fellowship for the period of 8 months, extended up to 10 months. Fellowship will start from February 2025.**

**Link for application form: <https://forms.gle/9TyuU6GNWSWCtc438>**

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