



# 2025 WRAPPED

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## PRAJA FOUNDATION | YEAR-END WRAP 2025

As **2025** comes to a close, Praja Foundation reflects on a year defined by **meaningful participation** and **tangible impact**. Across cities, our work focused on making local governance more transparent, accountable, and participatory. Through reports, workshops, and Prajatantra, we **strengthened democratic processes at the city level**. This year-end wrap captures the milestones that shaped this journey.

### Advocacy

**01**

State level  
consultation

**02**

City level  
consultations

**04**

Report  
launches

### Workshops

**05**

Administration

**11**

Elected  
Representatives

**149**

RWAs and  
CSOs

**32**

Colleges

### Youth Engagement

**3,800+**

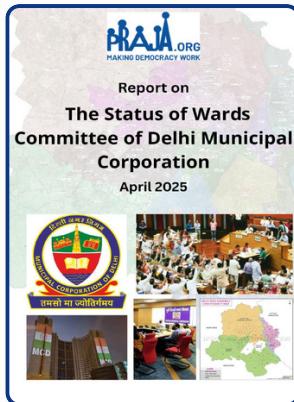
Participants in  
Prajatantra

**24**

Fellows  
graduated

# REPORTS

In 2025, Praja Foundation advanced its reform agenda through a series of timely, evidence-backed report launches that strengthened transparency across cities.

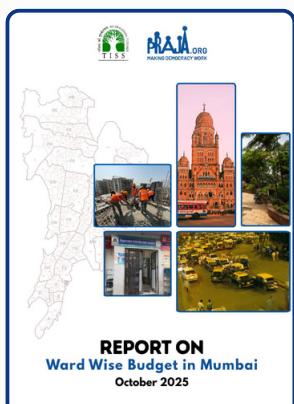
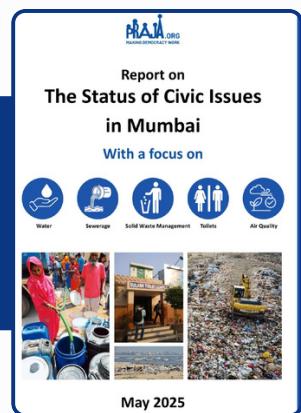


Beginning with **the Report on the Status of Ward Committees of Delhi Municipal Corporation in April**, Praja highlighted gaps in grassroots democratic functioning and reignited conversations on decentralised governance.

Read the full report [here](#)

This was followed in **May by the Report on the Status of Civic Issues in Mumbai**, which spotlighted lived realities by focusing on everyday service delivery challenges.

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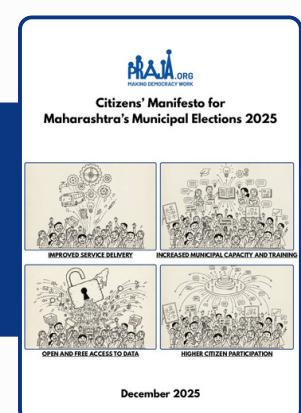


**In October, the Report on Ward-wise Budget in Mumbai** was published to understand how civic funds are allocated and utilised at the ward level.

Read the full report [here](#)

Closing the year, **the Citizen's Manifesto for Maharashtra's Municipal Elections 2025, released in December**, translated citizen priorities into a concrete reform agenda for urban local elected representatives.

Read the full report [here](#)



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT


 Mumbai Governance Fellowship  
Cohort 6

 Delhi Governance Fellowship  
Cohort 4

 Lucknow Governance Fellowship  
Cohort 3

 Gurugram Climate Action Fellowship  
Cohort 1

**The Governance Fellowship Programme** witnessed a highly successful year, with our fellows contributing significantly to the research and publication of several key reports. Most notably, **they were pivotal to the grand success of Prajatantra 2026**. This year's cohorts included **9 fellows in Mumbai, 4 in Delhi, 6 in Lucknow, and 5 in Gurugram**.

## PRAJATANTRA

Co-organised by Praja Foundation, the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), and UN-Habitat India, the 2025 edition of Prajatantra brought together over **3,800 young citizens from 194 cities across 28 States and 8 Union Territories**. With the theme "**Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Cities**," participants explored how emerging technologies can strengthen transparency and participation in everyday governance. Their proposals showed a clear understanding of both the opportunities and the constraints of using AI in public systems.

A defining element this year was the **growing sense of ownership** young people expressed; an understanding that they aren't just learning about urban governance, but have a meaningful role to play in shaping it. For an urban ecosystem that often struggles to involve citizens meaningfully, this shift is important. Prajatantra 2025 proved that young people **bring fresh energy and clarity** to issues that shape city life.



Praja Team

## DEEPENING ENGAGEMENT

We conducted **councillor capacity-building workshops across multiple cities** this year, witnessing overwhelming participation and highly engaged discussions. The strong response reaffirmed the need for continuous learning spaces for elected representatives.

We also strategically expanded our footprint into Assam, marking an important milestone in Praja's growth. During the year, Praja Foundation signed four MoUs: one each with **Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Dibrugarh Municipal Corporation, Assam Urban Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation Limited (AUIDFCL)**, and **Dibrugarh University**, thus laying the foundation for deeper collaboration on urban governance reforms in the state.

As we step into 2026, we do so with renewed momentum. The milestones and achievements of 2025 reaffirmed the power of data, participation, and collaboration in shaping accountable cities. We remain committed to carrying forward this momentum to advance more responsive and democratic urban governance in the years to come.

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