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Electors And Elected Should Work Together To Develop Our Cities, Says President

Urbanization Is A Joint Challenge

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USPA NEWS - The President, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee at the 151st Year Celebrations of Nagpur Mahanagarpalika, at Nagpur, in Maharashtra on September 14, 2015.

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Speaking on the occasion, the President said Nagpur Mahanagarpalika has a long and illustrious history beginning 1864 when it came into existence as a municipality. In this long and glorious journey it has carved out a special place for itself in providing quality civic amenities. It has implemented many important projects and fulfilled its primary responsibilities towards its citizens. It has adopted a citizen friendly approach.

The President said management of urbanization is the most complex problem facing India today. The challenges of providing water, power, sanitation, education and other facilities have to be addressed in a short span of time. Europe and America took centuries to address these problems but people in India today are impatient and ask how long should we wait. The challenge of urbanization should be addressed jointly by the people and their representatives. Responsibilities should be shared between the electors and elected. Only if both electors and elected do their jobs properly, will the wheels of development move forward smoothly and unhindered.

The President complimented the city of Nagpur for its cosmopolitan character. He said the fact that people from all over India want to stay in the city after retirement reflects the openness of the local population towards cultural assimilation. The President said Nagpur as the centre of India has been a catalytic agent of peaceful transformation. There is no room for intolerance, non-cooperation or hostility towards each other in our cities. Everyone should live together, work together and develop together to achieve our common objectives. This is the lesson from all major metropolises.

Picture Description: The President, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee at the 151st Year Celebrations of Nagpur Mahanagarpalika, at Nagpur, in Maharashtra on September 14, 2015. The Governor of Maharashtra, Mr. C. Vidyasagar Rao, the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and other dignitaries are also seen.

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