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COVER STORY

Strengthening Urban Finances : Rise in property tax collection

Telangana ULBs See 11% Growth in Property Tax Revenue, Rising Property Tax Collections Reflect Strengthening Urban Governance in Telangana

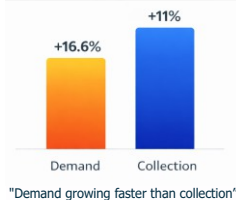
Property tax collections across Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Telangana have shown a notable upward trend in the financial year 2025–26, signalling improved fiscal capacity and enhanced municipal performance.

According to recent data, total property tax collections increased from ₹617.38 crore in FY 2024–25 to ₹685.04 crore in FY 2025–26, marking a growth of nearly 11%. This rise underscores the strengthening of revenue systems and growing compliance among taxpayers.

Property Tax Collections on the Rise



Demand Outpacing Property Tax Collection



Expanding Tax Base and Demand :

Alongside collections, the total demand for property tax also increased significantly—from ₹1011 crore to ₹1179 crore, reflecting expansion in the tax base, improved assessments, and urban growth.

However, the gap between demand and collection suggests that while cities are growing, ensuring timely tax compliance remains a key challenge.

Decline in Collection Efficiency :

Despite higher collections, the proportion of ULBs achieving over 80% collection dropped from 42 to 24, highlighting a decline in collection efficiency.

This indicates that while revenue is increasing, timely payment compliance remains a concern

To improve efficiency, 650 handheld devices were distributed to ULBs through banking partnerships, enabling real-time tax collection and improved field operations.

Way Forward: Strengthening Early Compliance

Municipalities should consolidate recent gains by institutionalizing reforms for sustained property tax growth. Under the current scheme, Municipal Commissioners should strategically leverage the 5% property tax rebate to incentivise early payments, improve cash flow, and enhance overall collections, while continuing to expand the tax base and strengthen digital systems. These measures will support the goal of financially robust and self-reliant Urban Local Bodies.

FROM CDMA'S DESK

Dear Readers,

Urban Local Bodies must move decisively towards financial self-reliance. The time has come to reduce dependence on government funding and build strong, independent revenue systems.

We must focus on improving property tax collection, user charges, and other local revenue sources. Every municipality should identify areas where revenues can be strengthened and leakages reduced. Financial discipline and better collection efficiency are essential.

At the same time, municipalities should take up bankable projects, the projects with clear revenue potential. Smaller projects can be bundled together to make them viable for institutional funding and easier to implement.

When municipalities manage finances responsibly and demonstrate repayment capacity, banks and financial institutions will be more willing to support them.

Self-reliance is not a choice, it is essential for building sustainable and resilient urban systems.

Happy Reading

Sincerely,

Dr. T.K. Sreedevi IAS



Praja Palana–Pragati Pranalika: Strengthening Last-Mile Service Delivery

Praja Palana–Pragati Pranalika sets a time-bound roadmap to take governance to the grassroots, fast-track development, and improve service delivery across urban and rural local bodies.

In a decisive push to accelerate governance and development outcomes, the Telangana government has launched Praja Palana–Pragati Pranalika, a 99-day action plan aimed at strengthening administrative efficiency and citizen-centric service delivery across the State.

Designed as a mission-mode programme, the initiative places a clear emphasis on time-bound execution, with defined targets to be achieved between March and June. By introducing a structured timeline, the programme seeks to move governance from intent to measurable outcomes.

At its core, the initiative focuses on bringing governance closer to the people.

Activities are being carried out at the grassroots level across wards and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) ensuring that citizens have direct access to officials, faster grievance redressal, and improved awareness of welfare schemes.

The programme adopts a thematic approach, with different sectors including health, sanitation, infrastructure, and welfare receiving focused attention in a phased manner. This allows departments to prioritise key areas while maintaining momentum across multiple fronts.

Equally significant is the push towards administrative accountability. Departments have been directed to clear pending issues, streamline processes, and ensure timely delivery of services. The emphasis is not only on implementation but also on visibility of outcomes on the ground.

Urban areas stand to benefit through improved service delivery systems, sanitation drives, and strengthened civic infrastructure, aligning with broader goals of sustainable and responsive urban governance.

By combining outreach, accountability, and structured execution, Praja Palana–Pragati Pranalika signals a shift towards a more result-oriented governance model, one that prioritises speed, accessibility, and measurable progress within a defined timeframe.



PHASED IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH

The programme is structured into five phases, each targeting specific governance priorities:

- Phase 1: Initial groundwork and departmental preparedness.
- Phase 2: Strengthening implementation mechanisms.
- Phase 3: Intensive field-level execution.
- Phase 4: Monitoring, mid-course corrections, and scaling efforts.
- Phase 5: Consolidation and outcome-based evaluation

MAIN THEMES

This 99-day action plan is proposed with the following 10 main themes:

- Environmental cleanliness and file clearance in all government offices
- Health
- Arrive - Alive
- Welfare
- Child safety and protection and no drugs
- Farmers (Agriculture)
- Education
- Youth and Sports
- Women
- Environment



As part of the 'Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika' programme, Honourable Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy garu laid foundation stones for several major development works in Adilabad district.

Urban Health Matters: Screening Today, Safer Tomorrow

Health Camps for Municipal Staff Mark Women's Day Across ULBs

Marking International Women's Day on 8th March 2026, health camps were organized across multiple Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), primarily benefiting municipal staff, with a focus on promoting preventive healthcare and early detection. The initiative also forms part of the State's broader Praja Palana–Pragati Pranalika, aimed at strengthening citizen-centric governance and service delivery.

The initiative was inaugurated by Dr. T.K. Sreedevi, Secretary, Municipal Administration, who emphasized the importance of regular health screenings and timely medical check-ups. Addressing the participants, she highlighted that early diagnosis plays a crucial role in preventing serious health conditions, particularly among women.

The camps, conducted across various ULBs, catered largely to municipal workforce personnel and provided a range of essential screening services. These included breast cancer screening, eye examinations, and general health check-ups, along with basic diagnostic services to facilitate early identification of potential health issues.

The initiative saw active participation from municipal staff, reflecting increasing awareness about the importance of routine health assessments, especially among frontline urban service providers.

Officials noted that extending such healthcare initiatives to municipal staff not only supports their well-being but also strengthens the overall efficiency of urban service delivery systems. As part of Praja Palana–Pragati Pranalika, such efforts underline the focus on improving both service delivery and the well-being of those responsible for delivering essential urban services.



Dr. T.K Sreedevi IAS felicitating the doctors at health camp



Dr TK Sreedevi IAS addressing the staff at CDMA head office

HAPPY SUNDAYS-BRINGS COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

As part of the State's Praja Palana–Pragati Pranalika initiative, the 'Happy Sundays' programme has been introduced across Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to promote community engagement and public well-being.

Designed as a citizen-centric initiative, 'Happy Sundays' transforms public spaces into vibrant community zones every Sunday, encouraging residents to come together and participate in recreational, cultural, and wellness activities. The programme aims to create stress-free, inclusive environments while strengthening the social fabric of cities.

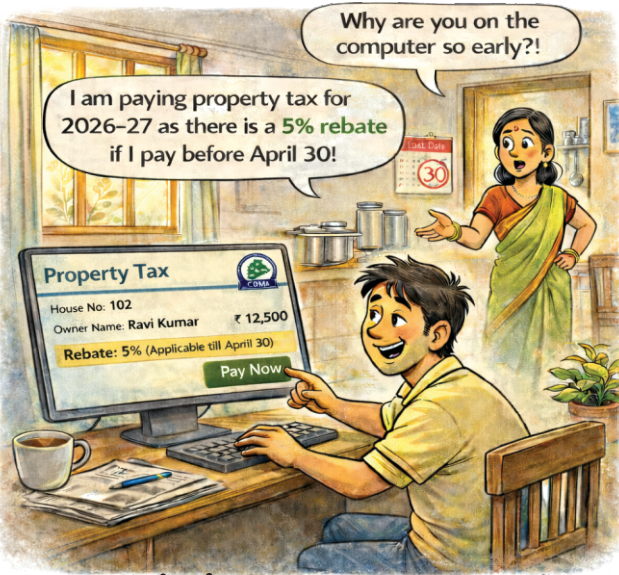
Activities include fitness sessions, yoga, sports, cultural performances, and awareness drives on civic issues such as sanitation and public health, ensuring participation across age groups.

Officials emphasised that while the initiative is part of the 99-day programme, 'Happy Sundays' should continue beyond this period as a regular feature in urban areas. Sustaining such efforts will help build healthier, more connected communities and improve overall quality of life.

The initiative has already seen encouraging public response, highlighting the value of consistent, community-driven urban interventions.



The Civic Sketch



ఏప్రిల్ 30వ తేదీలోపు మీ ఆస్తి పన్ను చెల్లించి 5% రిబేట్ పొందండి!

Happy Sunday activities taking place in municipalities like Mahbubnagar, Shadnagar, Ramagundam and Wanaparthy amongst many as part of Praja Palana Pragati Pranali.



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