

TOWARDS DECENTRALISED URBAN GOVERNANCE: THE CASE OF BHUJ CITY, KACHCHH, India

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This study describes and examines a transformative process unfolding in the city of Bhuj that aims to challenge the dominant model of urban planning and governance. Under the Homes in the City (HIC) program initiated by five civil society organisations (Hunnarshala, Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan, Arid Communities and Technologies, Sahjeevan, and SETU Abhiyan), along with issue-based collectives and citizens, a decentralised ward level planning and decision-making process, along with the strengthening of Municipalities and a holistic and integrated approach is being attempted. Based on an analysis of four crucial aspects of a successful democracy – rights, capacity, forums, and maturity – as relevant to the Bhuj decentralisation process, this study concludes with some suggestions and indications of steps that could help in strengthening the process. Please visit this link to read the study:

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