

Unit 3 Municipality and Corporation



Learning Objectives

- ❖ To know about Municipalities and their duties.
- ❖ To understand the structure of local bodies.
- ❖ To know about the functions of Corporation and Town panchayat.
- ❖ To know about the sources of income for Municipality and Corporation.





Mugilan went to his uncle's house during summer vacation. One day he was playing in a park. At that time he heard the Municipality employees announcing that the people to pay taxes for house and others. Mugilan ran to his uncle.



Why are you running? What happened?

Uncle



Mugilan

Uncle! What is Municipality? Why should we pay taxes?

Uncle

Mugila! Municipality is a form of local government in a small town where 50,000 to 1,00,000 people live. This is divided into several wards. Our house is in the tenth ward. In our locality there are totally 30 wards. In Tamil Nadu there are 148 Municipalities.



Mugilan

Who is the head of the Municipality?



Employees of Municipality

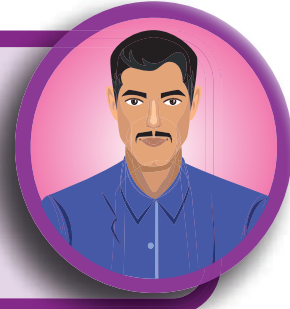


Municipal Office



The head of the municipality is called the Chairperson.
One of the members of the municipality is selected as Vice-Chairperson.
The tenure of the members is five years.

Uncle



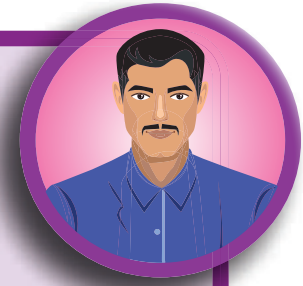
Mugilan

Uncle! What are the duties of Municipality?



- Providing street lamps.
- Constructing library and its maintenance.
- Maintaining local market (Santhai).
- Providing drinking water facilities.
- Constructing roads.
- Removing garbage dumps.

Uncle

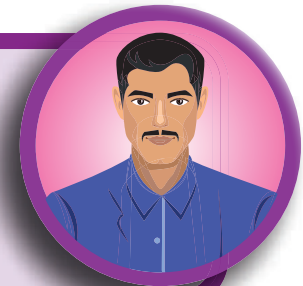


Mugilan

What is the source of income for the work done by Municipality?

Uncle

Central government and State government provide the money. People also pay in the form of house tax, professional tax, drinking water tax, shop tax, road tax and drainage tax. It also forms the income of Municipality.





Let us Know

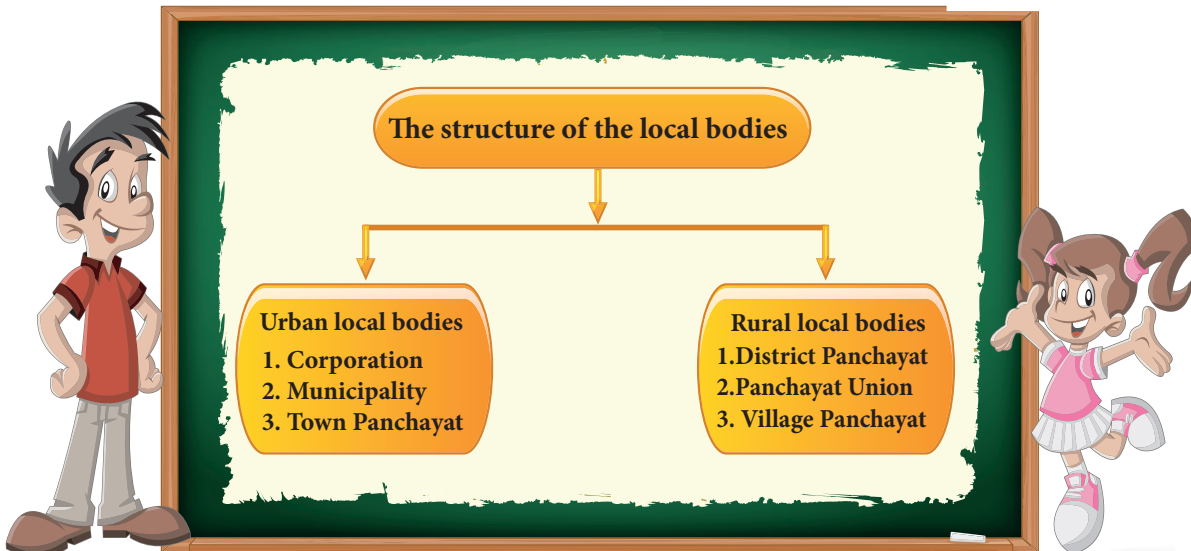
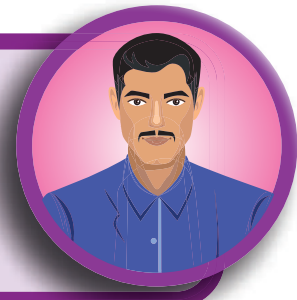


The father of local bodies - Lord Rippon

The following also comes under Municipalities.

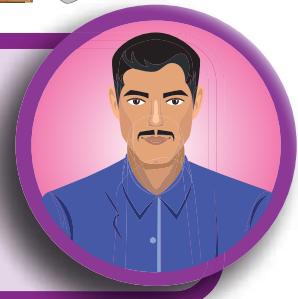
- ❖ Townships - e.g. Neyveli
- ❖ Cantonment Boards - e.g. Parangimalai, Cunnur.
- ❖ Notified area committee.

Uncle



Uncle

For example we call Chennai, Trichy, Kovai, Madurai and Salem as Corporations.



Let us Know

- ❖ The 'Balwant Rai Mehta Committee' recommended a three tier Panchayat Raj system in 1957.
- ❖ The 'Ashok Mehta Committee' recommended a two tier Panchayat Raj system in 1978.

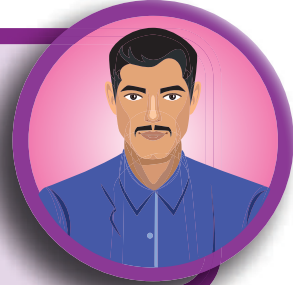


Mugilan

What is Corporation?

Uncle

Certain Municipalities will be declared by the Government of Tamil Nadu as Corporation based on high population and high revenue.

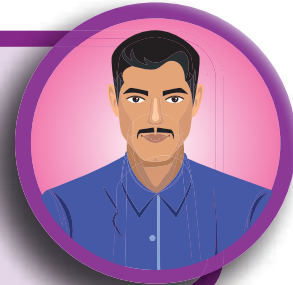


Mugilan

Uncle! How many Corporations are there in Tamil Nadu?

Uncle

In Tamil Nadu, 15 Corporations have been established. The oldest Corporation is Chennai.



Nature of work in Corporation



Chennai Corporation (Rippon Building)



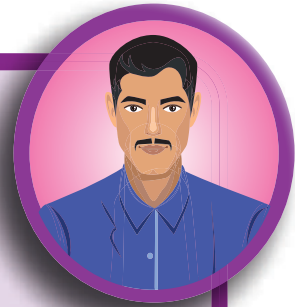
Mugilan

Uncle! Who is the head of the Corporation?



Uncle

The chairperson of the corporation is called 'Mayor'. He is also called as 'the father of the Corporation'. The Tenure of the members of the Corporation is 5 years. The Indian Administrative Service officers and similar rank holders are appointed by the government to the Corporation. Most of the Urban areas have Corporation.



DO YOU KNOW?

Municipal Corporations

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Chennai | 6. Tirunelveli | 11. Tanjore |
| 2. Madurai | 7. Vellore | 12. Dindigul |
| 3. Coimbatore | 8. Tuticorin | 13. Hosur |
| 4. Trichirappalli | 9. Tiruppur | 14. Nagercoil |
| 5. Salem | 10. Erode | 15. Avadi |



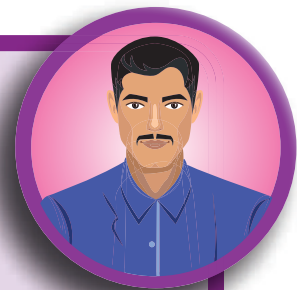
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What are the duties of Corporation?



Uncle

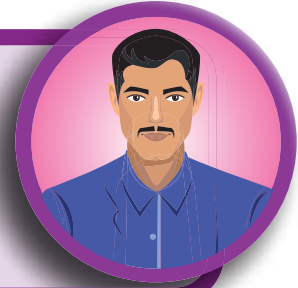
- ▶ Constructing and maintaining the city roads.
- ▶ Providing drinking water facilities.
- ▶ Disposing garbage.
- ▶ Constructing libraries and maintaining them.
- ▶ Creating parks and maintaining them.
- ▶ Maintaining of birth and death records.





Mugilan

What is the source of income to the Corporation?



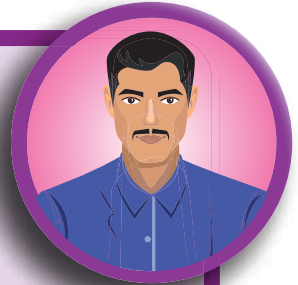
Uncle

The amount collected from Professional tax, Wealth tax, Entertainment tax, Custom duties and Road tax are the sources of income to the Corporation.



Mugilan

What else are there besides Municipality and Corporation?



Uncle

Apart from the Corporation and the Municipality Town Panchayat also exist. The tenure of the President and other members is 5 years. Panchayat is governed by the executive officer.

Town panchayat functions in places where the population exceeds 5000 people.



Mugilan

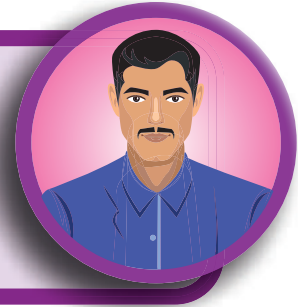
Uncle, I came to know the administration of Municipality and Corporation very well.

Thank you very much.



Uncle

Good !
Come let us wash our hands and have lunch.



1. Find out the activities held in the parks and libraries of your ward and share the information in your class.
2. Visit your nearby Corporation with the help of your teacher and examine the Council Assembly.
3. What are the taxes paid by your parents?

Glossary

Government	-	the political system by which a country is administered.
Tax	-	a part of the income or profits paid by the people to the government.
Tenure	-	the period of time.
Revenue	-	fees earned for the service provided.
Population	-	all the people who live in an area.
Administration	-	the arrangements and tasks needed to control the operation of an organisation.
Dispose	-	throwing away something that you no longer want or need.
Professional tax	-	tax that is levied by a state government on all individuals who earn.





Evaluation

I. Fill in the blanks.

1. The oldest Corporation of Tamil Nadu is _____.
2. The father of local self government is _____.
3. The 'Balwant Rai Mehta Committee' recommended a three tier Panchayat Raj system in the year _____.
4. The Tenure of Municipality is _____ years.

II. Match the following.

- | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Rural local body | - | More than 5000 people |
| 2. Rippon building | - | Township |
| 3. Neyveli | - | Grama panchayat |
| 4. Town Panchayat | - | Corporation |
| 5. Mayor | - | Lord Rippon |

III. Fill in the box.

S. No.		Municipality	Corporation
1	Head	Chairperson	
2	Number		15
3	Tenure		
4	Officer	Commissioner	
5	Revenue		Professional tax

IV. Answer in short.

1. What are the duties of Corporation?
2. Write the structure of the local bodies?
3. What is the total number of Corporations in Tamil Nadu?
4. What are the sources of income of Municipality?

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