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Touching upon the main reasons for lack of data, the presentation will take us through very interesting examples and experiences of under- and over-estimation of projections due to the inadequacy of data, and how lack of reliable user level data adversely impacts project conceptualisation and implementation, such as with regard to forecasting based on past trends. He also proposes some steps to bridge this data gap.

Sujatha Srinivasan

This presentation will speak about data gaps with regard to the functioning of State Finance Commissions, specifically for assessing, evaluating and reviewing performance across urban local bodies. The speaker will discuss data quality in terms of its accuracy, availability, reliability and consistency. Further, the speaker will delve on the policy level impact of these data gaps, in terms of its effect on policy formulation, review and decision-making.

P. S. Vastrad

Building on his experiences with local bodies, such as Panchayats and municipal corporations, the speaker will take us through the current status of small and medium cities of Mysore district with regard to their financial strengths and weaknesses. He will also talk about investment plans formulated for the urban local bodies of these cities for the next two decades, and examining these plans for the relevant sectors such as water supply, housing, street lights, sanitation, solid waste management, and so on.

Raj Cherubal

In addressing the topic, the speaker will highlight the experiences and learnings from two specific projects within the transportation domain – the Bus Rapid Transit System in Chennai, and the project to build 100km of world class urban roads - to make the case for the power of good data. The efforts and time spent on collecting data makes it difficult for running pilots, let alone a big project. Further, he will introduce to us new models as a means to overcome the current state of chaos prevailing in implementing transportation projects.