#### **The Governance Challenge**

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### Consensus

- Population growth and migration (slow or rapid) to cities has led to increased pressure on already inadequate infrastructure and basic services
- Resultant degradation of environmental conditions impact on human health and quality of life
- Cities in India rank low on sustainability and competitiveness globally
- Ineffective governance and management systems and lack of conducive business environment.



#### Consensus

- Drivers of national economies than urban liabilities
- Cities facilitate diversity, provide opportunities for innovation and promote economies of scale and choices
- Urban areas contribution > 60% to Indian GDP
- Built environment contributes 17.5% to Indian GDP (at par with US, Australia, Japan ~15-18%)
- Infrastructure investment 1 trillion USD over 2012-17
- Inclusive growth is priority and domestic investment and FDI to facilitate it.

# Complementing thoughts

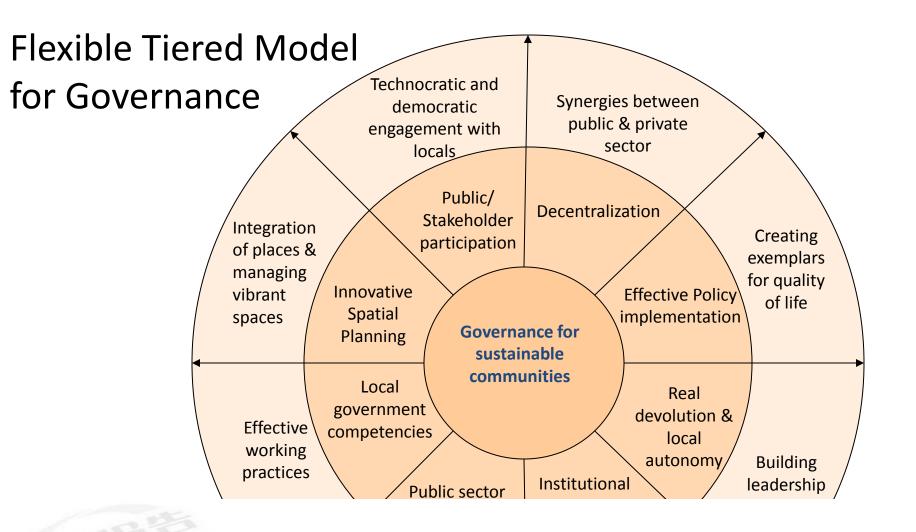
- Cities can turn smart if and only if rural hinterland is self contained with access to opportunities & services
- 'Smart' shall relate to livable and sustainable cities, humane to inhabitants
- Overarching strategy of good governance with coherent policy approach and emphasis on safety, quality of life and improvement in institutional, physical, social and economic infrastructure is vital for all cities
- However interpretation of smart and sustainable is unique for each city – stage of development, resources and citizen's local priorities.

# Examples of unique propositions

- Metro cities aiming to be globally competitive, to counteract on inherent challenges to optimise energy and resource consumption while capturing new growth opportunities
- Growth in the value of real estate in city-region should be effectively realised and channelised to finance city services and infrastructure
- Technological advancement with ICT integration to facilitate efficient delivery of services and creating low carbon infrastructure.
- Business sector to be acknowledged upfront as a resource-efficient partner and stakeholder.

## Examples of unique propositions

- Upcoming million plus cities to attract potential for growth in manufacturing sector to enhance quality employment
- Cities challenged to deliver basic services & amenities need urgent departure from conventional approaches and adopt smarter and advanced city management and planning techniques.



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