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Roundtable on

Empowering Local Bodies for Better Governance

Issues, Perspective and Way Forward for Gurgaon

September 1, 2013

Venue: Auditorium, Artemis Hospitals, Sector 51

How often have we wondered if there were better ways and systems of getting things done by improving efficiency of our urban local bodies and felt that nothing indeed may change. The “Good News” is that things can indeed become better, through a collective and constructive approach by Citizen Groups, NGOs, RWAs and progressive citizens.

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Agenda

- There is no denying the fact that much of Gurgaon's developmental problems are due to deep rooted issues in governance.
- Haryana Urban Development Authority and Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon, two authorities that practically run Gurgaon have overlapping roles and jurisdictions and neither have enough powers to decide on key issues of the city. Most decision rests with senior officials in the state government machinery. This leads to poor accountability, corruption and inefficient governance.
- Empowering local bodies is therefore one key that can truly transform the city's administration machinery. World over too, the mantra is decentralisation and that is how most efficient cities run their administration.
- This Roundtable attempts to understand the ways and means of empowering Gurgaon's urban local bodies as well as understand what citizens can do to become enablers and facilitators of this change.

Structure and Sessions

The Roundtable will begin at 9:45 am sharp with registrations. It will have two sessions:

Session I	Key Issues and Challenges	10:00 am to 11:00 am
Session II	Next Steps and Way Forward	11:15 am to 12:30 pm

Who should Attend?

The Roundtable is meant for anybody who intends to improve awareness of key issues and challenges in Governance or intends to join Citizen Groups to work together to make a difference. In particular, it should appeal to RWAs, NGOs, Citizen Groups and progressive Citizens of Gurgaon.

How to Attend?

There is no delegate fee to participate in the workshop. However, you would need to register for the workshop on or before **August 30** by writing to us at teamgurgaonfirst@gmail.com or workshopgurgaonfirst@gmail.com or simply calling us at 0124-4384669 during office hours.

