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To,  
**Prof. Aneeta Gokhale Benninger,**  
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**Pune 411021**

**Subject:** Support for Quantified Cities Movement.

Dear Prof. Benninger,

I really appreciated your presentation of the innovative QCM framework that you have created at CDSA. It is an excellent work and I have never come across anything like it before.

I am pleased to hear that CDSA is enabling and helping citizens from various Prabhags (Wards) of Pune to come together to report and map various stresses, hazards and risks in their neighbourhoods. I understand that it will be at Prabhag and city scale, hence will help us at the Pune Municipal Corporation and its various ward offices dialogue with the citizens in order to address issues and create participatory draft plans with the citizens from the various Prabhags.

I would like to point out the importance of the fact that you have made it a ward level platform for citizens to voice their concerns and suggestions on how their Prabhags are planned and developed. I would be delighted to support the Quantified Cities Movement for participatory urban monitoring, management and mapping.

As the Municipal Commissioner, I feel that the QCM will go a long way in building a culture of making contextually appropriate decisions which would be supported by the availability of unbiased data and evidence. It will help PMC officials work with citizens to manage and monitor the city. It will also help us address various issues in environmental conservation, urban planning, child protection, disaster risk reduction, improving safety for citizens with disabilities and other health and wellbeing issues faced by the citizens of Pune city. It will help inculcate objectivity in the decision making process and will help harmonize the process of governance. This will go a long way in making the city smart and resilient.

I look forward to working with you on QCM for Pune and for taking the process forward in Pune.

Best regards,



  
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