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Foreword

Increasing urbanization is posing several challenges, of which sanitation is a serious one. Several experts across disciplines have emphasised the importance and need for good sanitation facilities, devoid of which implications are serious on health and wellbeing of the people. According to the 2011 census, sanitation coverage amounts to around 30 per cent in the rural areas and about 80 per cent in the urban areas. It is apparent that the urban poor, particularly women, children and elderly, suffer the most without access to sanitation facilities.

This monograph addresses some of the key challenges of providing solutions to sanitation problems by analysing case studies that are the best practices from India and abroad. The case studies address various contexts and offer solutions, useful lessons for other cities to learn and implement. The case studies are success stories of change that have shown impacts on the ground. Community involvement along with education and awareness were the key features that were imperative to success. The monograph analyses case studies and provides policy suggestions keeping in view broader issues.

I congratulate the research team for this crucial work having policy relevance. The results and recommendations of this study are of value for researchers and students pursuing the academic themes related to urban poverty, urban poor, urban slums and sanitation. I am confident that this monograph will be used widely by all of them.

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