



**Research
Methodology and
Research Methods**

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- **Need for** financial, environmental and social sustainability and equity of services in urban development.
- Water supply and sanitation (WSS) and waste water treatment are **critical** in urban areas.
- Dryland areas are physically water-scarce and **constitute 70%** of the country.
- Financial, social and environmental problems **plague** centralised systems.

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New hybrid and decentralised systems have been developed and implemented across the world that optimally use, reuse and recharge water sources.

Consequently, in-depth study of the financial, environmental and social sustainability and equity of WSS services in cities in the dryland areas will be **useful in enhancing benefits and cutting costs.**

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Research Objectives

- **To review** the proposed Water Supply and Sanitation services infrastructure and services in the city of Indore in Madhya Pradesh
- **To suggest** alternative measures for a more equitable and sustainable water management system.

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Key Research Questions by the author

- **How viable** are the existing and proposed WSS services in Indore given the natural and financial resource endowment of the IMC, and the economic situation of the population, in general, and the poor, in particular?
- **What are the possible improvements** in WSS provisioning and governance in Indore?

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Research Design

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