

Practice and Revision - Rural Local Government Bodies

Chapter 14: Rural Local Government Bodies · Topic 2

Key Concept

The Gram Panchayat is the local self-government body at the village level, elected by village residents to manage local affairs.

Panchayats are responsible for services like sanitation, drinking water supply, road maintenance, and local development projects.

A group of Gram Panchayats forms a Panchayat Samiti at the block level, which coordinates development across multiple villages.

The Zilla Parishad operates at the district level, overseeing broader rural development and coordinating between Panchayat Samitis.

Quick Revision Notes

- Gram Panchayat: village-level local government.
- Elected by village residents.
- Manages sanitation, water, roads, development.
- Panchayat Samiti: block-level body.
- It coordinates multiple villages.
- Zilla Parishad: district-level body.
- It oversees broader rural development.
- It coordinates between Panchayat Samitis.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research your local Gram Panchayat.
- 2 Discuss the services a Gram Panchayat provides.
- 3 Discuss the three-tier structure of rural governance.
- 4 Draw a diagram of Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, Zilla Parishad.
- 5 Discuss why local governance is important for villages.
- 6 Interview someone about local governance if possible.