

# Rural Local Government Bodies

Chapter 14: Rural Local Government Bodies · Topic 1

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## 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.