

Subject:- History and Civics

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Chapter 1 Rural Local Self-Government
(Continued)

Good Morning Students!

This week we will continue with the study of Panchayati Raj System. The Panchayat Samiti works at the block level. A Block Samiti / Panchayat Samiti has a number of villages under it. It acts as a link between the Gram Panchayat and Zila Parishad.

Composition of Panchayat Samiti

1. Sarpanch of all Gram Panchayats under it.
2. Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly from that area.
3. Seats are reserved for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes.
4. One-third seats are reserved for women.
5. Block development Officer.

Functions

1. The experts in agriculture and animal husbandry guide the villagers.
2. Planning is done for the development of whole block.
3. It is responsible for implementation of different programmes.

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Zila Parishad :- It is the highest body of the Panchayati Raj System and is at the district level. It has the responsibility of supervision of both Gram Panchayat and Block Samiti. It acts as a link between state government and other levels of Panchayati Raj System.

Zila Parishad has elected members. It also has Block Pramukhs, MP's, MLA's of the district. It is headed by the President and Vice-President of the Zila Parishad.

Sources of Income

1. Collection of taxes
2. Rent from shops that it owns.
3. Grants from the state government

Short Answer Type questions

1. Local government is the government in which people elect their own representatives from the local area.
2. The Panchayati Raj System is a three-tier system which includes the Gram Panchayat at the village level, Block Samiti at the block level and Zila Parishad at the district level.
3. The Panchayati Samiti is the rural local self government second tier. It works at the block level.

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5. The Nyaya Panchayat is the judicial wing of the Panchayati Raj System at village level. It hears and decides minor civil and criminal cases.

Long answer type questions

1. The Gram Sabha is an assembly of all adults, who live in the area covered by a Panchayat. The Gram Sabha holds meetings where people directly participate and seek answers from their elected representatives.

2. Please refer to Page No. 109 (Nyaya Panchayat Paragraph 1, 2)

3. Please refer to Page No. 107 (Gram Panchayat functions 4 points) Page No. 108 (Sources of Income 4 points)

4. Please refer to Page No. 109 (Panchayat Saniti Composition - 4 points ; Functions - 4 points)

5. Zila Parishad is the highest governing body under the Panchayati Raj System. It has elected members, MP's, MLA's, Block Pramukhs. It supervises the working of the Panchayat Sanitts, Gram Panchayats. It makes developmental plans at the district level. It advises State Government on the working of the Panchayati Raj System.