

Panchayati Raj (Easy and Simplified Notes of class 6th)

Introduction:-

Imagine you live in a village where everyone comes together to make important decisions. That's what happens in the Gram Sabha! In this chapter, we'll learn how villagers meet, discuss problems like water and roads, and work with the Gram Panchayat to make their village a better place. You'll also see how the Gram Sabha helps make sure everything is done fairly, and how everyone gets a chance to share their ideas. (We call this whole set up in rural area the Panchayati Raj System.)

Gram Sabha:

- A meeting of all adults (18 years or older) in a village or group of villages.
- People ask questions and discuss village issues.

First Gram Sabha Meeting:

- The first meeting is held after the new Panchayat is elected.
- Meetings occur at least twice a year to address village problems.
- Villagers can raise issues such as water shortages, poverty, or bad roads.
- The Panchayat works to find solutions for these problems.
- The Gram Sabha approves the village budget and ensures proper use of funds.
- The Gram Sabha monitors the Panchayat's work for fairness and proper spending.

Role of Gram Sabha:

- **Decision-Making:** The Gram Sabha makes important decisions about village plans and budgets.
- **Problem Solving:** Villagers can talk about issues like water shortages and bad roads, and the Gram Sabha helps find solutions.
- **Monitoring the Panchayat:** It checks the work of the Panchayat to make sure they are doing their job properly.
- **Community Involvement:** All adults in the village can participate, making their voices heard in local decisions.
- **Ensuring Fairness:** The Gram Sabha ensures that money is spent wisely and benefits everyone in the village.
- **Keeping the Panchayat Honest:** It helps keep the Panchayat honest.
- **Finalize important decisions:** It approves important decisions like fixing roads and finalizing the list of poor families.
 - **For Example:** Finalizing BPL List
 - The Gram Sabha checks if the right families are on the BPL (Below Poverty Line) list.
 - They correct mistakes in the list.

The Gram Panchayat:

The Gram Panchayat is a local self-government body in a village. It is responsible for managing the village's affairs and development.

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- It consists of one Sarpanch (leader), several Panchs (Ward Members) and Secretary.
- Each ward has one Panch who is elected by the villagers.