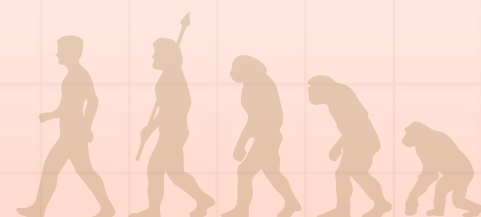




Panchayati Raj

- **Panchayati Raj Institution** - Rural local self-government.
- **Ancient assemblies** - Sabha, Samiti, Gana, Vidatha.
- **Panchayati Raj** - Indigenous system of India.
- **Article 40** - Directs State to organise village panchayats.
- **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992** - Gave constitutional status to Panchayats.
- **Came into force** - 24 April 1993.
- **Part IX** - Panchayats.
- **Articles 243-243O** - Panchayati Raj provisions.
- **11th Schedule** - 29 functional items.
- **Balwant Rai Mehta Committee, 1957** - Recommended three-tier system.
- **Three tiers** - Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti, Zila Parishad.
- **Panchayat Samiti** - Recommended as executive body by Balwant Rai Mehta Committee.
- **1958** - National Development Council accepted recommendations.
- **2 October 1959** - Panchayati Raj first implemented in Nagaur, Rajasthan.
- **1 November 1959** - Introduced in Andhra Pradesh.

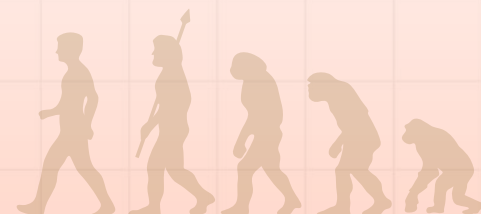
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- **Ashok Mehta Committee, 1977** - Reported decline and weakness of PRIs.
- **L.M. Singhvi Committee, 1986** - Recommended constitutional recognition.
- **Nyaya Panchayats** - Recommended by L.M. Singhvi Committee.
- **1990** - V.P. Singh Government held Chief Ministers' conference.
- **Gram Sabha** - Foundation of Panchayati Raj system.
- **Population below 20 lakh** - Intermediate level may not be constituted.
- **Members at all levels** - Directly elected.
- **SC/ST reservation** - In proportion to population.
- **Women reservation** - Not less than 1/3rd seats and chairperson posts.
- **Backward class reservation** - State Legislature may provide.
- **Panchayat duration** - 5 years.
- **Fresh elections** - Before expiry of term or after dissolution.
- **Minimum age** - 21 years.
- **State Election Commission** - Conducts Panchayat elections.
- **State Election Commissioner appointed by** - Governor.
- **State Finance Commission** - Constituted every 5 years by Governor.
- **Audit of accounts** - Provided by State Legislature.
- **Exempted areas** - Certain tribal, hill and special areas.
- **Court interference** - Barred in electoral matters except election petition.


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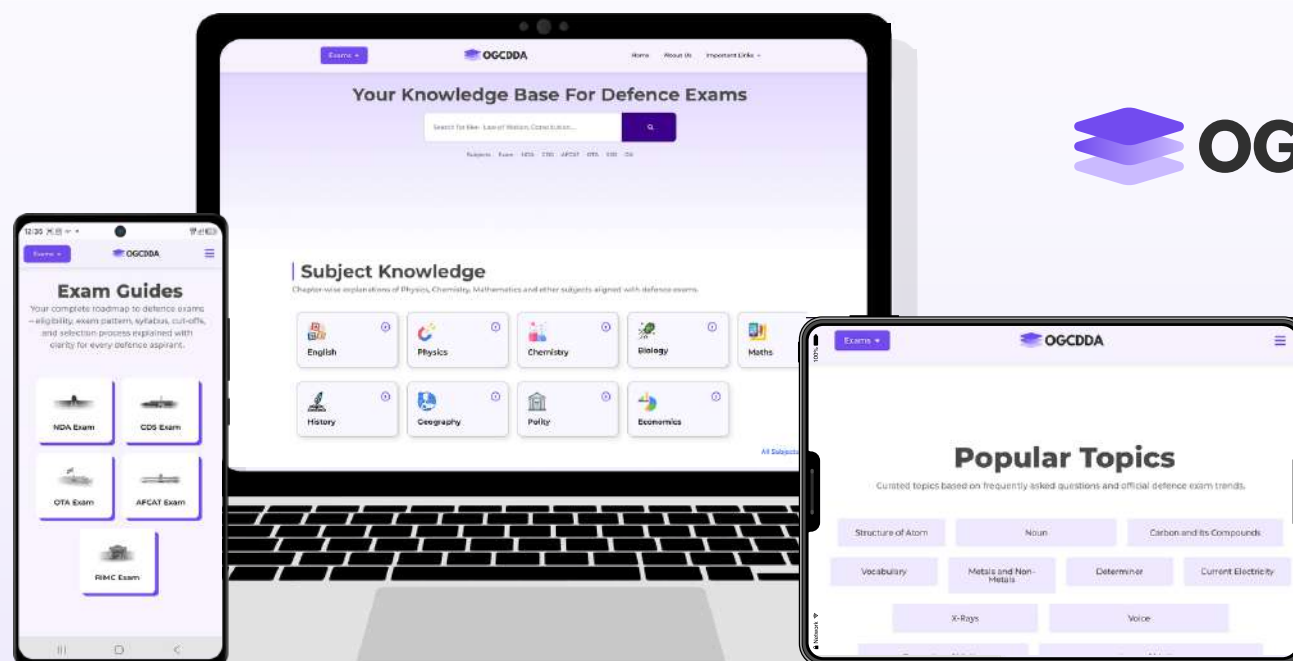
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