

Gram panchayat

A **gram panchayat**(village council) is the onlygrassroots-level of panchayati raj formalised local self-governancesystem in India at the village or small-town level, and has sarpanch as its elected head!^[1]

The failed attempts to deal with local matters at the national level caused, in 1992, the reintroduction of panchayats for their previously used purpose as an organisation for local self-governance.^[1] There are about 250,000 gram panchayats in India,^{[2][3]} that are being gigabit-broadband enabled under the BharatNet and Digital India initiative.^{[4][5][6]}

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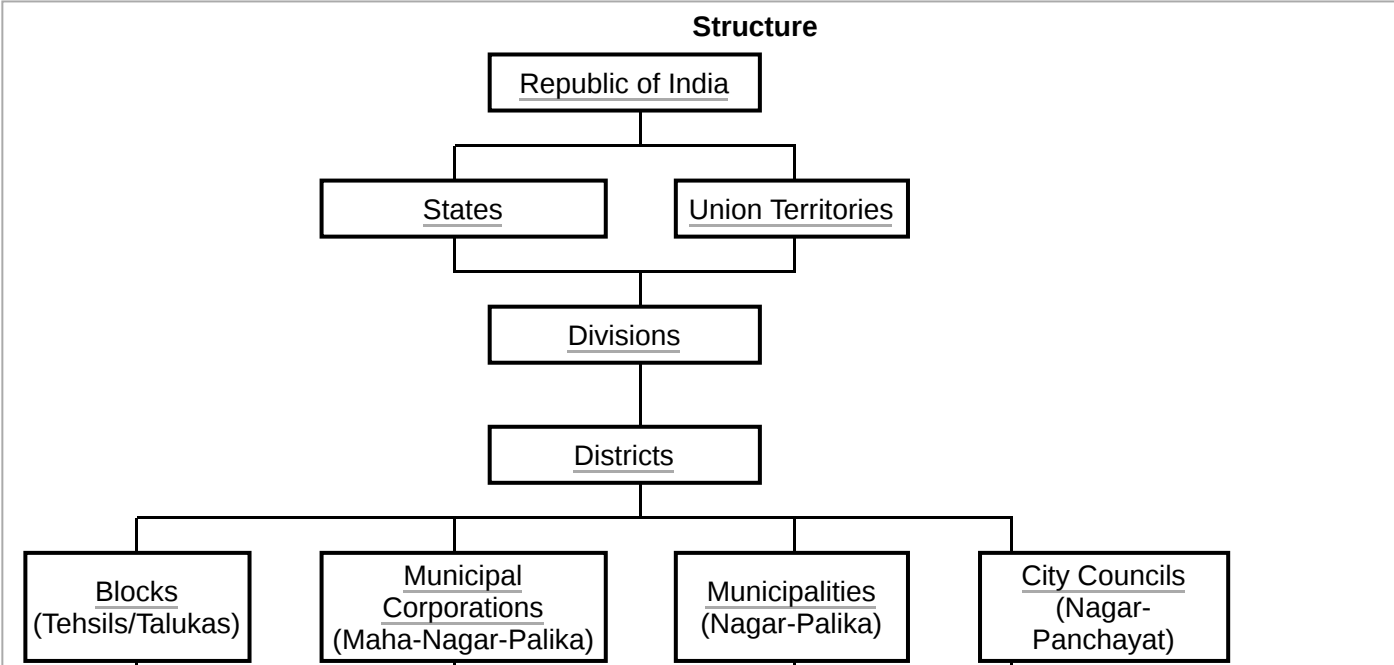
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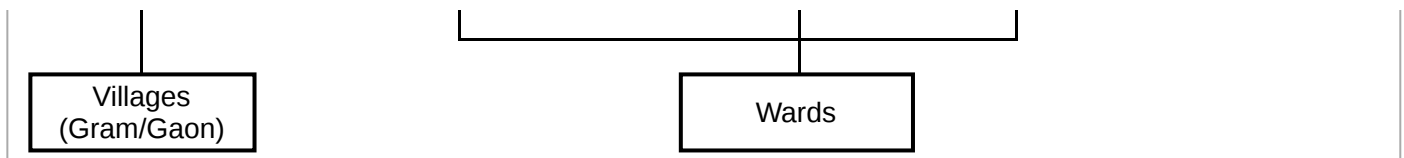
Structure

Gram panchayats are panchayats at base level in panchayat raj institutions (or PRIs), governed by the 73rd Amendment, which is concerned with Rural Local Governments.^[7]

- *Panchayat at District (or apex) Level*
- *Panchayat at Intermediate Level*
- *Panchayat at Base Level*

The gram panchayat is divided into wards and each ward is represented by a Ward Member, also referred to as a Panch or Panchayat Member, who is directly elected by the villagers.^[8] The panchayat is chaired by the president of the village, known as a Sarpanch. The term of the elected representatives is five years. The Secretary of the panchayat is a non-elected representative, appointed by the state government, to oversee panchayat activities.^[9]





Meetings

According to Section. 6 (3) of the *Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act of 1994*, that state's gram sabha has to conduct a meeting at least twice a year^[10]

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