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National Panchayati Raj Day

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“National Panchayati Raj Day is an occasion to celebrate the efforts of all those who are a part of our vibrant Panchayati Raj institutions. These institutions foster a spirit of democracy and further the development aspirations of our citizens”.

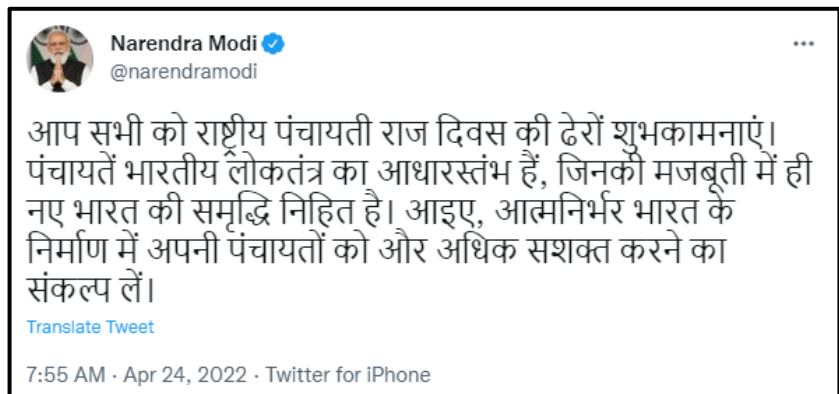
Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Introduction

Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) serve as the foundation for decentralized participatory democracy in the country. As grassroot units of democracy, they play a crucial role in governance. **24 April, 1993** marks a defining moment in the history of decentralization of power to the grassroots, with the institutionalization of Panchayati Raj, through the **Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 which came into force with effect from that day. Ministry of Panchayati Raj commemorates 24 April of every year as the National Panchayati Raj Day (राष्ट्रीय पंचायती राज दिवस) (NPRD)**. This occasion provides an opportunity for direct dialogue with Panchayat representatives from all over the country as well as recognizing their achievements to empower and motivate them further.¹

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj looks into all matters relating to the Panchayati Raj and PRIs. It was created in May 2004.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his address to all Gram Sabhas across the nation on National Panchayati Raj Day 2022, dwelled on the role of Panchayats in the development of the country. He stressed that is the effort of the government that the role of Panchayat should deepen in planning and implementation of every project related to the development of the village. “With this, Panchayat will emerge as an important link in the achievement of national resolutions”, he added.²



¹<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1713599>

²<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1819591>

Strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions

➤ **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)**

Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)** with effect from financial year 2018-19 with the primary objective of developing governance capabilities of PRIs to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals. Under the scheme, financial support to States/ UTs is being provided for:

- Capacity Building & Training,
- infrastructure and Human Resource support,
- Strengthening of Gram Sabhas in Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas,
- Distance Learning Facility via Internet Protocol based,
- Support for Innovations,
- Technical support to Panchayati Raj Institutions,
- e-enablement of Panchayats,
- Project based funding for Economic Development and Income Enhancement,
- Information Education Communication, etc. to strengthen Rural Local Bodies (RLBs).³

CABINET DECISIONS
13th APRIL 2022

Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan to Continue till March 2026

- ▶ Will help 2.78 lakh Rural Local Bodies achieve sustainable development
- ▶ Promote inclusiveness, social justice & economic development
- ▶ Improve service delivery & transparency

To be implemented with an outlay of ₹5,911 crore

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **RGSA**, financial support has been provided to the States/ Union Territories (UTs) for various activities relating to strengthening of Panchayats including capacity building of PRIs.

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CABINET DECISIONS
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Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) 1/2

- Cabinet approves continuation of revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)**
- To be implemented from **01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026**
- Will extend to **all States and UTs of the country**
- Total financial outlay of the scheme is **Rs.5911 crore**

Central Share **Rs.3700 crore**
State Share **Rs.2211 crore**

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Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) 2/2

Benefits:

- Will help **2.78 lakh** Rural Local Bodies to achieve Sustainable Development Goals
- Will promote equity and inclusiveness, along with Social Justice and economic development
- Will help achieve improved service delivery and transparency

Achievements

- Cabinet approved continuation of revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) from **01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026, on April 13, 2022.**
- Total financial outlay of the scheme is **Rs.5911 crore with the Central Share of Rs.3700 crore and State Share of Rs.2211 crore.**
- This will help 2.78 lakh Rural Local Bodies to achieve SDG goals.⁴

➤ Grants by Finance Commissions

More funds have been provided to the States by successive Finance Commissions for distribution among PRIs, as under:

- Tenth Finance Commission (1995-2000): Rs.4380.93 crore
- Eleventh Finance Commission (2000-2005): Rs.8000.00 crore
- Twelfth Finance Commission (2005-2010): Rs.20,000.00 crore
- Thirteenth Finance Commission (2010-15): Rs.65160.71crore
- Fourteenth Finance Commission (2015-2020): Rs.2,00,292.20 crore
- Fifteenth Finance Commission (2020-2026): Rs.2,97,555.00 crore.⁵**

⁴<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1816362>

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➤ National Panchayat Awards

Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been incentivizing the best performing Panchayats recommended by the State Governments/UT Administrations since 2011-12. The awards are given on the National Panchayati Raj Day every year.

Online Nominations are invited from Panchayats (or similar level local bodies) for National Panchayat Awards 2022 (Appraisal year 2020-2021) under the following categories:

S.No.	Award Category	Number of Awards
1.	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar	As per <u>list</u> (One third of the total awards proposed in thematic category).
2.	Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar	One per State/UT
3.	Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award	One per State/UT
4.	Child-Friendly Gram Panchayat Award	One per State/UT

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Major Schemes implemented by Ministry of Panchayati Raj

➤ SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas)



SVAMITVA, a Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Panchayati Raj was nation-wide launched by Prime Minister on National Panchayati Raj Day, 24 April 2021 after successful completion of pilot phase of scheme (2020-2021) in nine states. The scheme is a reformative step towards establishment of clear ownership of property in

rural inhabited (Abadi) areas, by mapping of land parcels using drone technology and providing 'Record of Rights' to village household owners with issuance of legal ownership cards (Property cards/Title deeds) to the property owners. The Scheme is implemented with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Revenue Department, State Panchayati Raj Department and Survey of India. The scheme covers multifarious aspects viz. facilitating monetisation of properties and enabling bank loan; reducing property related

⁶ <https://panchayataward.gov.in/>

disputes; comprehensive village level planning, would be the stepping-stone towards achieving Gram Swaraj in true sense and making rural India Aatmanirbhar.⁷

The scheme seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Creation of **accurate land records** for rural planning and reduce property related disputes.
2. To bring **financial stability to the citizens in rural India** by enabling them to use their property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits.
3. **Determination of property tax**, which would accrue to the GPs directly in States where it is devolved or else, add to the State exchequer.
4. Creation of **survey infrastructure** and GIS maps that can be leveraged by any department for their use.
5. To support in preparation of **better-quality Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)** by making use of GIS maps.⁸



➤ **E-Gram Swaraj e-Financial Management System**

In order to strengthen e-Governance in PRIs, e-GramSwaraj, a Simplified Work Based Accounting Application for Panchayati Raj, was launched on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day on April 24, 2020. It has been developed amalgamating the functionalities of all the applications under e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP).

E-GramSwaraj assists in enhancing the credibility of Panchayats through inducing greater devolution of funds to PRIs. It brings better transparency through decentralized planning, progress reporting and work-based accounting. Furthermore, the application provides a platform for effective monitoring by higher authorities.

- In this endeavour, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has put in place an e-Financial Management System (e-FMS) comprising of Panchayat Planning, Physical Progress, Financial Progress, and Asset Management with Local Government Directory (LGD) forming the base for such a robust system along with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS), Special Planning and Geotagging.

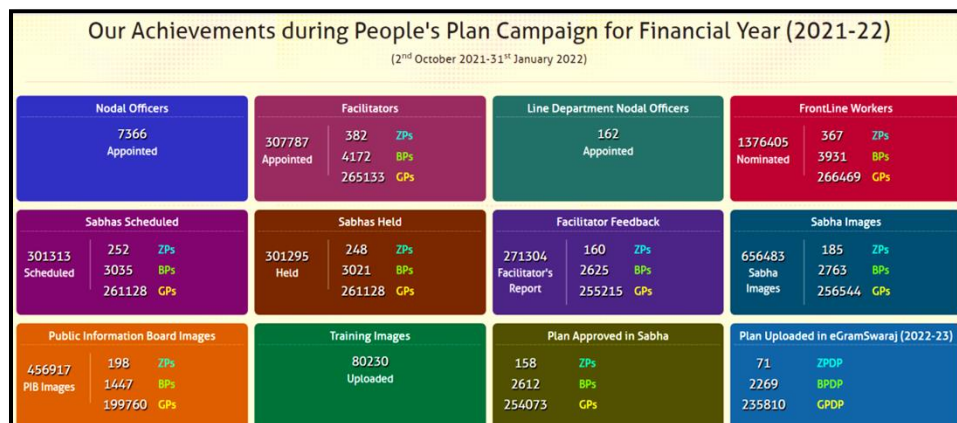
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⁸SVAMITVA Scheme | Government of India

➤ People's Plan Campaign (PPC) - Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas

The **People's Plan Campaign** is an effective strategy for ensuring the preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) in a campaign mode.

- To provide sustainability to the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) formulation process and ensure that it remains a participative



and transparent exercise, the process of GPDP preparation for the financial year 2021-22 has started in Campaign mode.

➤ Geo-Tagging of Assets

- As a part of effective monitoring, it is imperative to have field-level monitoring of physical progress of the works. Further, supplementing to strengthening the system; geo-tagging of assets (on completion of work) is of utmost importance. Ministry has developed **mActionSoft** – a mobile based solution to help in capturing photos with Geo-Tags (i.e. GPS Coordinates) for the works which have asset as an output. Geo-tagging of the assets is done in at least three stages viz.
 - Before start of the work**
 - During the work and completion of work.** This would provide a repository of information on all works and assets related to natural resource management, water harvesting, drought proofing, sanitation, agriculture, check dams and irrigation channels etc.

➤ Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan (GKRA)

- Government of India had launched GKRA in six States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to provide gainful employment to the migrant labourers who had returned to their native villages due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. As a part of the Abhiyan, Ministry of Panchayati Raj undertook facilitation of two activities namely:
 - Construction of Gram Panchayat Bhawans.
 - Works under Central Finance Commission Grants.

➤ **PRIs to take the revised Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines as a “Sankalp Patra” for vision India 2047**

Shri Giriraj Singh, Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj released the revised Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines prepared by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, on 20 January 2022. All Panchayati Raj Institutions have a vision for respective Panchayat for the next twenty-five years till India’s centenary of Independence in 2047. PRIs should embark on formulating a master plan for all-round development and should take all possible efforts to boost local infrastructure, other developmental requirements, employment opportunities and resource base of Panchayats, the Minister highlighted.

The revised RADPFI Guidelines include Village Planning Scheme (VPS) on the lines of Town Planning Schemes in urban areas; provisions of linking Gram Panchayat Development Programme (GPDP) with Spatial Land Use Planning, spatial standards for Gram Panchayat development etc.⁹

Basic Data on Panchayati Raj Institutions:

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Sl. No.	Units/Representatives	Number
1.	Number of Village Panchayats	255360
2.	Number of Traditional Local Bodies	16083
3.	Number of Block/ Intermediate Panchayats	7213
4.	Number of District Panchayats	662
5.	Number of Elected members of PRIs	31.47 lakhs
6.	Number of Elected Women Representatives	14.54 lakhs

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