



Concept of self-government

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**What is self government
for you?**

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Self-Government

- a government formed at the local level by the local people themselves.
- management of the local affairs by the people of a locality.
- local administration by local people without any outside influence.
- the government of a specific locality made and run by the local people themselves

Why self government is important

The local needs cannot be better noticed and addressed by the central government.

A government of local people can better understand and address local issues.

provides the opportunity for communities to participate in the conduct of public affairs.

helps in the effective use of local resources. Local representatives can have a better idea about local resources, issues, and their solutions.

gives people access to local authorities and convey their complaints to their representatives directly.

- **In absence of local self-government, issues at the local level would remain unattended.**
- **Being preoccupied with more important and higher-level responsibilities, the provincial government cannot have the time to pay attention to local issues.**

Functions/role of local self-government

- Dealing with issues related to cleanliness, epidemics and garbage disposal.
- Planning, development and maintenance of rainwater drain.
- Regulation of hospitals, dispensaries and other basic health care units.
- Registration, record keeping, and certificate issuing of births, deaths, marriages.
- Supply of clean drinking water and maintenance of the drainage system.
- Development and maintenance of public parks and other recreational facilities.

Functions/role of local self-government

Maintenance and provision of fire fighting services.

Regulation of matters related to slaughterhouses and to facilitate them.

Taxation at the local level to generate revenue for local administration.

Maintenance of street lighting, local roads including traffic planning and regulation.



Functions/role of local self-government

- Responsibility of Social welfare i.e.:
- 1. Maintenance and regulation of welfare institutions, e.g. shelter houses, etc. for the relief of the needy and poor people.
- 2. Prevention of alcoholic consumption and drug use, gambling, etc.
- Local level economic planning and community development.
- To undertake measures for promotion of culture by, e.g. cultural fairs and shows, sports and entertainment activities, etc.
- To make arrangements of exhibitions, maintenance of public libraries, museums, etc.





References

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