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.
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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.
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