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In the absence of well - educated and organised local level government system, Panchayats and Samitis have remained mainly political institutions and not effective instrument of governance. Critically Discuss.

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Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

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Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992

Inserted Part IX, periodic elections, reservations, and the **Eleventh Schedule** of 29 subjects.

Article 243G

Leaves it to the State legislature to endow panchayats with powers to function as institutions of self-government.

Eleventh Schedule

Lists 29 matters, including water, sanitation, rural housing, poverty alleviation and primary education, for possible devolution.

State Finance Commission (Article 243-I)

Must review panchayat finances; late or ignored awards keep local bodies politically visible and fiscally hollow.

Fourteenth Finance Commission

Recommended substantial basic grants to gram panchayats to support local service delivery.

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