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"The reservation of seats for women in the institutions of local self- government has had a limited impact on the patriarchal character of the Indian Political Process." Comment.(15).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2019 · GS II · 15 marks · Governance and Policy

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Articles 243D and 243T

Constitutional reservation of seats and chairperson offices for women in Panchayats and municipalities, including within SC/ST quotas.

Constitution (73rd and 74th Amendment) Acts, 1992

Gave local bodies constitutional status and wrote gender reservation into the third tier.

Sarpanch-pati

Practice in which a male relative exercises the elected woman's office; the main evidence of limited patriarchal change.

National Commission for Women

Statutory body that has repeatedly flagged proxy representation and the need to train elected women.

Women's Reservation Bill (108th Amendment proposal)

Long-pending bill in 2019 to reserve seats in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies; showed that local reservation had not yet been matched at higher tiers.

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