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Q5

Analyse the role of local bodies in providing good governance at local level and bring out the pros and cons of merging the rural local bodies with the urban local bodies.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS II · 10 marks · Governance and Policy

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

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Article 243Q of the Constitution

Provides for nagar panchayats in transitional areas - the Constitution's own half-merge.

Article 243ZE of the Constitution

Metropolitan planning committees are meant to coordinate peri-urban planning across rural and urban bodies.

Fifteenth Finance Commission

Tied a large share of grants to rural and urban local bodies, including drinking-water and sanitation conditions.

Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996

Gives Gram Sabhas in Scheduled Areas powers that a casual municipal merger would dilute.

Eleventh and Twelfth Schedules

Illustrative lists of functions for panchayats and municipalities; they bite only when States devolve the three Fs.

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