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Q5(d)**Ending proxy leadership in Panchayati Raj is a necessary step towards true grassroots democracy. Comment.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2026 · PSIR GS 1 · 10 marks · Grassroots Democracy

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Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round.

73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992

Provided constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions and mandated not less than one-third reservation of seats for women.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj Guidelines

Emphasize continuous training and awareness generation to curb the menace of proxy governance at the village level.

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