

i) Constitutional status for local government has helped to deepen democracy in our country.

ii) It has also increased women's representation and voice in the democracy.

Disadvantage

i) Most states have not transferred significant powers to the local government.

ii) There is a shortage of resources

2) Gram Sabha is the Primary body of the Panchayat Raj System and by far the largest largest. It is a permanent body. Gram Sabha is the Sabha of the electorate.

3) The functions of Gram Sabha are:-

- i) It elects the members of Gram Panchayat
- ii) It supervises the work of the Gram Panchayat.
- iii) It approves the annual

Budget of the Panchayat

iv) It reviews the performance of the Gram Panchayat