

Scope of Local Government:-

The local governments normally functions within a specified limited territory of a village, a town, a city and also a large metropolitan city. The local governments function as the basic link between the people in a village or town with the government.

The Local Self-government generally unites the people with democracy and encourages them to participate in its activities without any bias or prejudice.

Naturally, it can consolidate the political values and faith of ordinary people and thereby influences the political activities and political culture of the people.

- **Panchayat and Municipalities are the subject matter of Local Government.**
- **The form of Panchyats are –**
 - 1. GRAM PANCHAYAT**
 - 2. SAMITIS**
 - 3. ZILLA PARISHAD.**

Then different forms of urban local government are –

- 1. Municipal Corporations.**
- 2. Municipal council.**
- 3. Notified Area committee.**
- 4. Town Area Committee.**
- 5. Cantonment Boards and Town ships.**

All the forms of Local Government have the authority and separate legal existence as corporate bodies. They function in a defined area and are elected by the inhabitants of the area.

They enjoy a certain degree of autonomy and the freedom of decision making.

- **Preference to Public Responsibilities.**
- **Discretion and limitations of Law.**
- **Powers**
- **Basic Powers and Responsibilities of Local authorities shall be prescribed by the constitution or by statute.**
- **Powers Delegated**
- **Due time and Appropriate way.**