

## CLASS:- 11<sup>TH</sup>, POLITICAL SCIENCE, TODAY'S REVISION NOTES

### Development of Local Government in India

#### **Local Government in India before Independence**

- The local government or rural democratic government existed in India since ancient times.
- Village Panchayat exist In India during the days of Maurya, Guptas, and in other kingdoms of ancient India .
- This continued during the Sultanate and Mughal period.
- The British, however, destroyed the Panchayats of India and in their place established Rural Local overnments for the fulfilment of local government in the provinces.
- Officials of different departments were appointed at the district level.
- The entire rural government was brought under the district level entrusted to a Collector who was made responsible for good governance in the country.
- The provincial governments had complete control over the district administration. • e Local Government in India after Independence.
- After getting independence, the Indian leaders tried to establish the dream of local government or Gram Swarajya by changing the nature of district administration .several projects were launched to promote local self-governance.
- . Community Development Programme (CDP)
- The CDP was launched in 1952 to solve the problem of villages by involvement of local people themselves.
- Development was given to local organisation based upon nominated representatives of the people.

- **This committee consisted of Block Development Officers, Gram sevaks and other officials.**
- **The features of Community development programs :-**
- **It covered areas like agriculture, irrigation, education, industry, small industry, health, sanitation, medicine, transport, communication and animal husbandry.**
- **It was based on people's cooperation with the government. The people would contribute time and labour and the government's scientific and technical knowledge.**
- **Local people were responsible for initiating the programme and it was based on self reliance.**
- **It was a multi-sided programme aiming to develop the village socially, culturally and economically.**
- **In the beginning, the Community Development Programme functioned independently.**