

Digital Push Deepens in Rural India: eGramSwaraj Records Over ₹3 Lakh Crores in Online Payments; SabhaSaar Expands to 23 Languages

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The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has achieved two significant milestones in advancing digital and inclusive rural governance across the country. India's Gram Panchayats are witnessing a major leap in digital governance, with over ₹3 lakh crores (cumulative) in payments routed through the eGramSwaraj platform, while the AI-powered SabhaSaar tool is now available in 23 Indian languages, strengthening both financial transparency and inclusive participation at the grassroots.

In a major stride towards technology-driven governance, payments through **eGramSwaraj** have been made directly to vendors and service providers in real time, ensuring complete digital traceability. Developed under the e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project and integrated with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS), the platform has streamlined planning, accounting and expenditure at the Panchayat level, replacing cash-based and paper-driven processes with a fast, accountable and fraud-resistant system. In the financial year 2025–26, Panchayati Raj Institutions transferred ₹53,342 crores through the eGramSwaraj-PFMS interface, while 2,55,254 Gram Panchayats uploaded their development plans on the platform. Overall, 2,59,798 PRIs have been onboarded, with 2,50,807 PRIs making online payments through eGramSwaraj during FY 2025-26. The platform has also registered 1,60,79,737 vendors, reflecting its scale and widespread adoption.

Complementing this transformation, **SabhaSaar** - the Ministry's AI-powered voice-to-text meeting summarisation tool launched on 14th August 2025 has **expanded from 13 to 23 Indian languages**. The newly added languages include Assamese, Bodo, Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Manipuri, Nepali, Santhali and Sindhi, enabling Gram Sabha proceedings to be recorded and documented in local languages. SabhaSaar facilitates automated recording of minutes, attendance, resolutions and action points, making Gram Sabha processes more accessible and participatory. The platform, earlier available in Hindi, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu, now covers the full linguistic diversity of Panchayati Raj institutions across India. As on 29th January 2026, 1,11,486 Gram Panchayats have already used the platform for meeting summarisation. The platform has also received national recognition, declared as the Winner in the Artificial Intelligence category at the Technology Sabha Excellence Awards 2026 by The Indian Express Group and the Silver Award in the AI for Social Impact category at the Economic Times GovTech Awards 2026.

These developments underline the Ministry of Panchayati Raj's continued push towards digitally empowered, transparent and inclusive Panchayats, strengthening both financial governance and democratic participation at the grassroots level.

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