



Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 Report Out: 3635 Panchayats Emerge as Front Runners

Record Participation of 97.3% by Gram Panchayats/Traditional Local Bodies Achieved; Panchayat Report Card Shows Strong Gains in Livelihoods & Health

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In a major step towards strengthening grassroots governance and promoting inclusive rural development, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day celebrated on 24th April 2026 released the **Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 Report for the FY Year 2023–24**. Serving as a report card for each Panchayat, the report highlights that (based on composite scores) 3,635 Gram Panchayats fall under the Front Runner category, while 1,18,824 Gram Panchayats (around 45.72% of participating GPs/Traditional Local Bodies) are placed in the Performer category. The top-performing themes, under which GPs have shown strong outcomes, include Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihoods in Panchayat and Healthy Panchayat. Under Theme 1: Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihoods in Panchayats, a total of 3,313 Gram Panchayats (GPs)/Traditional Local Bodies (TLBs) across the country have achieved the A+ grade, reflecting significant performance in poverty reduction and livelihood generation at the Panchayat level. Similarly, under Theme 2: Healthy Panchayats, a total of 1,015 Gram Panchayats/TLBs have attained the A+ grade, demonstrating strong outcomes in preventive healthcare, nutrition awareness, sanitation practices and community engagement.

PAI 2.0 has recorded an exceptional national participation of 97.30 per cent, with 2,59,867 Gram Panchayats across 33 States and Union Territories submitting validated data – a marked and commendable improvement over the 80.79 per cent participation achieved under PAI Version 1.0. Among the key improvements in this version are a single integrated data entry form, mandatory Gram Sabha validation for transparency and accountability, enhanced auto-porting of data from national portals of nodal Union Ministries and Departments, soft and cross-data validation mechanisms for improved data accuracy, real-time dashboards for intuitive navigation, and embedded vernacular language support. The release of PAI 2.0 (FY 2023–24) reinforces the Government's commitment to strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions and advancing the vision of "Viksit Gram Panchayats" through participatory, transparent, and data-driven local governance.

About PAI 2.0

The Panchayat Advancement Index serves as a robust tool for evidence-based planning, performance monitoring, and incentivising Panchayati Raj Institutions. It is increasingly being adopted by States and Union Territories to prioritise developmental interventions, support the preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans, and identify high-performing Panchayats as learning hubs and models of best practice. India's first nationwide data-driven framework to assess Gram Panchayat performance, PAI 2.0

evaluates each of the more than 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats across the country against 150 indicators and 230 data points spanning nine thematic areas under the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) – covering Poverty, Health, Child Welfare, Water, Environment, Infrastructure, Social Justice, Good Governance, and Women’s Empowerment. A significantly refined and strengthened version of its predecessor, PAI 2.0 has rationalized the indicator framework from 516 indicators and 794 data points in PAI Version 1.0 to 150 indicators and 230 data points, ensuring sharper focus, greater usability and stronger linkage with national planning frameworks. Based on their composite PAI scores, Gram Panchayats are classified into five performance categories – Achiever (A+: 90 and above), Front Runner (A: 75 to below 90), Performer (B : 60 to below 75), Aspirant (C: 40 to below 60), and Beginner (D: below 40) – enabling meaningful benchmarking, healthy competition, and targeted interventions at the grassroots level.

State/UT wise No. of GP/Equivalent to GP categorized in grades of PAI v.2.0 FY 2023-24							
S. No	State/UT	No. of GPs/Equivalent to GP	No. of GP submitted Data*	A	B	C	D
1	Andaman & Nicobar	70	70	0	21	49	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	13310	13310	591	10178	2468	73
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2108	2108	0	72	1718	318
4	Assam	2192	2192	25	1209	884	74
5	Bihar	8053	8053	2	771	6862	418
6	Chhattisgarh	11643	11643	30	3936	5941	1736
7	Gujarat	14534	14534	75	11963	2471	25
8	Goa	191	188	0	80	107	1
9	Haryana	6225	6225	7	3342	2779	97
10	Himachal Pradesh	3615	3615	1	1706	1828	80
11	Jammu & Kashmir	4291	4291	1	1459	2792	39
12	Jharkhand	4345	4345	6	1993	2311	35
13	Karnataka	5946	5946	36	3707	2172	31

14	Kerala	941	941	95	840	6	0
15	Ladakh	193	193	0	62	129	2
16	Lakshadweep	10	10	0	5	5	0
17	Madhya Pradesh	23011	23011	33	11154	11514	310
18	Maharashtra	27894	27894	315	10049	16909	621
19	Manipur	3041	3041	0	57	1231	1753
20	Meghalaya	6859	3069	0	18	2292	759
21	Nagaland	1277	1277	0	33	1040	204
22	Mizoram	840	840	34	549	253	4
23	Odisha	6794	6794	555	4566	1627	46
24	Puducherry	108	108	0	77	31	0
25	Punjab	13233	13233	1	3275	9464	493
26	Rajasthan	11037	11037	8	5437	5389	203
27	Sikkim	199	199	1	163	35	0
28	Tamil Nadu	12482	12482	197	10520	1746	19
29	Telangana	12556	12556	624	10056	1853	23
30	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	42	42	1	29	12	0
31	Tripura	1176	1176	943	233	0	0
32	Uttarakhand	7766	7766	3	2359	5203	201
33	Uttar Pradesh	57678	57678	51	18905	32598	6124
34	West Bengal*	3339	0				

	Total	266999	259867	3635	118824	123719	13689
# No Gram Panchayat/ Equivalent to GP are fallen under Grade A+							
No. of GPs whose data has been submitted on PAI Portal after validation by State/UT*							
* West Bengal has not on-boarded in the exercise of PAI 2.0							

Detailed Note on PAI 2.0 (English/Hindi)

State wise Snapshots of Performance under PAI 2.0

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