

## 73<sup>rd</sup> CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT DOWN THE LINE

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### ABSTRACT

The paper makes a critical attempt to assertion the functional aspects of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) especially in the aftermath of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment. After a brief review of the history of Local Self-Government in the pre and post independent India, a concerted attempt has been made to present the working condition of the Local Self Government in India. The operational aspect of the three tier system of Panchay at has also brought out a number of impediments that have hampered their effective functioning. Mere mentioning the functions in the Constitution does not imply anything substantial without the effective back up of financial decentralization. The dominance of the upper caste still hovers around and is threat to the inclusive participation of the deprived sections of the society. The paper is mostly based on secondary data consisting of research literature on the subject including the government reports and also field based studies.

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