e-Gram Swaraj Portal

Recently, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj released a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding e-Gram Swaraj. The application was **launched on the** National Panchayati Raj Day (April 24)**.**

Key Points

- **Aim:** To **bring in better transparency** and strengthening of the e-Governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across the country through **decentralized planning, progress reporting and work-based accounting.**
- It will also assist in enhancing the **credibility of Panchayats** which would induce greater devolution of funds to PRIs.
- It will help in establishing a strong financial system by integrating the **PRIASoft** and **Public Financial Management System (PFMS).**
- The **PRIASoft** (Panchayati Raj Institutions Accounting Software) is the Online Payment Module whereby Gram Panchayats are carrying out online payments to the vendors and service providers.

    - The main objective of introducing such a module is to have a sound financial management system in the Panchayats leading to their greater credibility and image.
- These endeavours are also congruent to that of **Digital India Programme** which is to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

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