

3. Unhealthy competition between Self Help Groups (SHGs) and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) reduces the effectiveness of both. Discuss. How can creating a synergy between the two help in addressing development challenges at the sub-district level?

स्वयं सहायता समूहों (एस.एच.जी.) तथा पंचायती राज संस्थाओं (पी.आर.आई.) के बीच अस्वस्थ प्रतिस्पर्धा, दोनों की प्रभाविता को कम करती है। चर्चा करें। दोनों के बीच सामंजस्य स्थापित करने से उप-जिला स्तर पर विकास की चुनौतियों से निपटने में किस प्रकार सहायता मिल सकती है?

SHGs are ^{voluntary} informal association of 10-15 women in a village to further their economic betterment. However these groups have also emerged as a political voice in the villages thus bringing them in friction with Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs)

Unhealthy competition and negative effects

(a) SHGs need PRIs for carrying out economic activity smoothly in the village

- for land acquisition to establish business
- for benefitting from schemes of Central/State Governments

(b) SHGs have emerged as important political voice ranging from social issues like alcohol, domestic violence to budget management — ^{PRIs} fighting with SHGs