

Daily Mains Practice Answer 13-07-2026

Q. Discuss the significance of District Development Councils (DDCs) in promoting democratic participation, district planning, and inclusive governance in Jammu and Kashmir. How can their effectiveness be enhanced? (150 words, 10 marks)

Directions: Intro-----Significance & Measures to enhance-----Conclusion.

Introduction:

Mention about District Development Councils(DDCs) in J&K.

Main Body

Significance of DDC:

- Promotes democratic participation - By introducing directly elected representatives.
- Strengthening district planning - Develop a elected representative-led, consolidated plan.
- Promotes inclusive growth - Reservation for women, SC, STs, etc.
- Improves accountability - Social audit, monitoring implementation, etc.
- Strengthening cooperative federalism - Coordinates with various levels of administration.

Challenges:

- Inadequate devolution of 3F- fund, functions and functionaries.
- Irregular elections.
- Dependence on district administration for implementation.
- Functional overlap with District Planning Committee & bureaucracy.
- Limited technical expertise and institutional capacity.

Measures need to enhance DDCs' effectiveness:

- Clear demarcation of powers to avoid overlap.
- Fully decentralise the 3Fs to enable meaningful self-governance.
- Conduct regular & timely elections for continuity.
- Ensure timely financial grants & strengthen fiscal autonomy.
- Provide regular capacity-building and technical support.

Conclusion:

Neutral and futuristic conclusion - mention the 73rd Amendment & the Vikshit Bharat

vision.

