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### **PART 1:** Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. <b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. <b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></p> <p>4. <b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p> <p>5. <b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></p> <p>6. <b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></p> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<p>The manuscript explores the historical evolution of Panchayat Raj in India, with a focus on the involvement of women. It delves into the constitutional amendments, policy changes, and societal impacts. This topic is important for the scientific community as it addresses the intersection of governance, gender, and empowerment, providing insights into the development of local self-government structures.</p> <p>The title accurately reflects the central theme of the manuscript. It captures the focus on women's empowerment within the context of Panchayat Raj, making it suitable.</p> <p>The abstract provides a comprehensive overview of the manuscript, summarizing key points such as the historical background of Panchayat Raj, the involvement of women, constitutional amendments, and the impact on empowerment. It effectively encapsulates the scope and significance of the research.</p> <p>The manuscript is well-structured, beginning with an introduction that sets the historical context and then proceeding through various sections, including "Women's Engagement in PRIs: A Historical backdrop." The use of subsections aids in organizing the content logically.</p> <p>The manuscript appears to be scientifically sound, presenting historical facts, constitutional amendments, and policy changes accurately.</p> <p>The references cited include historical documents, reports, and studies. While they cover the historical evolution well, it would be beneficial to include more recent references, especially those related to the current status and recent developments in Panchayat Raj and women's empowerment in India.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. <b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The article demonstrates a formal and academic tone, and it presents information in a structured manner. However, there are a few areas where minor improvements could enhance the overall quality:</p> <p>Clarity and Conciseness: Some sentences are quite lengthy and complex. Consider breaking them down into shorter, more digestible sentences for better readability.</p> <p>Punctuation and Grammar: Pay attention to punctuation, especially the use of commas and semicolons, to ensure clarity and correct grammatical structure.</p> <p>Redundancy: There are instances where certain points are repeated, such as the discussion about the impact of women representatives. Avoid unnecessary repetition to maintain conciseness.</p> <p>Citations and References: Ensure that proper citation formats are followed for academic rigor. If specific studies or sources are mentioned, include proper citations to support the information presented.</p> <p>Language Formality: While the language is generally formal, double-check for any instances where colloquial or informal language might have inadvertently crept in.</p>	

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	<p>Transition Phrases: Use transition phrases to smoothly guide the reader through different sections of the article. This helps improve the overall flow of the content.</p> <p>If there are specific academic style guidelines (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.) that need to be followed, ensure that the article adheres to those standards.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>The structure of the article seems organized, moving from historical background to contemporary issues. Consider ensuring a smooth transition between sections for enhanced readability.</p> <p>Ensure consistency in citation style throughout the manuscript. Consider checking the completeness of citations, especially for the sources of statistical data and specific claims.</p> <p>The inclusion of empirical evidence, such as survey data, strengthens the article's credibility. Consider providing more context or analysis around specific survey findings to enhance the reader's understanding.</p> <p>The conclusion should succinctly summarize key findings and contributions.</p> <p>As a gender and community development expert, I find the article to be a valuable contribution to the understanding of Panchayati Raj and its impact on women's empowerment in India. The historical context, legislative framework, and empirical data provide a comprehensive overview of the subject.</p>	

PART 2:

	<p><b>Reviewer's comment</b></p>	<p><b>Author's comment</b> <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i></p>
<p><b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b></p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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