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## ■ PM Modi Highlights Panchayati Raj's Vital Role in India's Development Agenda

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that Panchayati Raj institutions can play an important role in making India a developed country. Addressing a meeting of Kshetriya Panchayati Raj Parishad in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu through video conference on August 18, 2023, the PM said Panchayats are pillars of democracy and his government is committed to further strengthen Panchayati Raj institutions which hold tremendous potential to drive significant transformations in various sector. He urged Zila Panchayat members to take up three projects as a priority every year while noting that fund for local bodies has risen manifold and resources are not a constraint. He said earlier, the grant used to be of Rs 70,000 crore but it is now over Rs 1 lakh crore.

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