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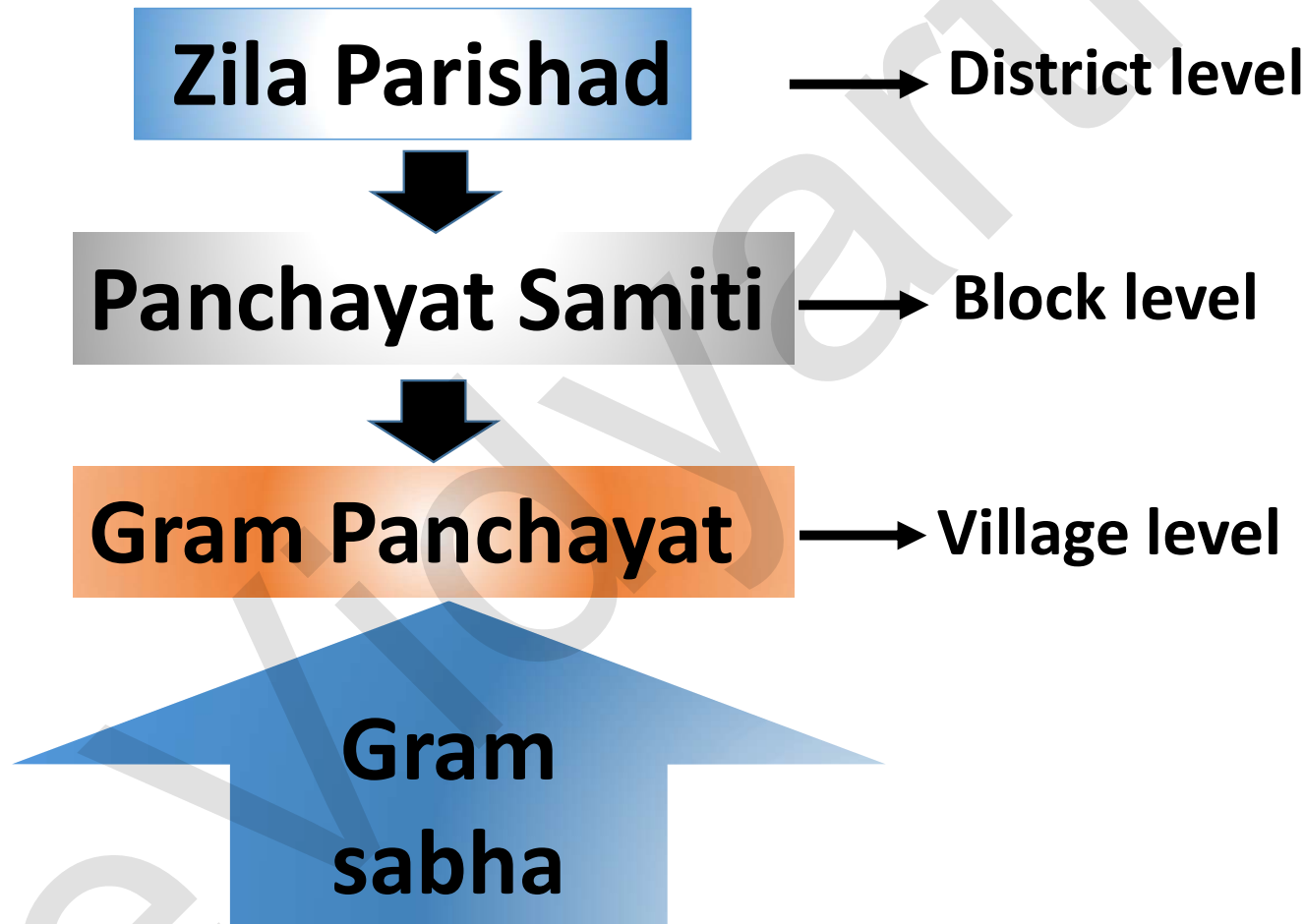
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## ❖ Panchayati Raj System

- Panchayati Raj system is a system of rural local self-government in India.
- Local Self Government is the management of local affairs by such local bodies who have been elected by the local people.

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- The Panchayati Raj system is the first tier or level of democratic government.
- It functions at three levels: Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad.

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- The Zila parishad or District Panchayat is the highest level of Panchayati Raj system.
- The Panchayat Samiti functions at the block level under the Zila Parishad.
- Under the Panchayat Samiti there are many Gram Panchayats that comprise Panchs and Sarpanchs at village level.

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## ❖ Gram Sabha

- The Gram Sabha is a meeting of all adults who live in the area covered by a Panchayat.
- This could be only one village or a few villages.
- Anyone who is 18 years old or more and who has the right to vote is a member of the Gram Sabha.

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## ❑ Functions of Gram Sabha

- To help implementation of the development programmes and schemes of the Panchayat.
- It prevents the Panchayat from doing wrong things like misusing money or favouring certain people.

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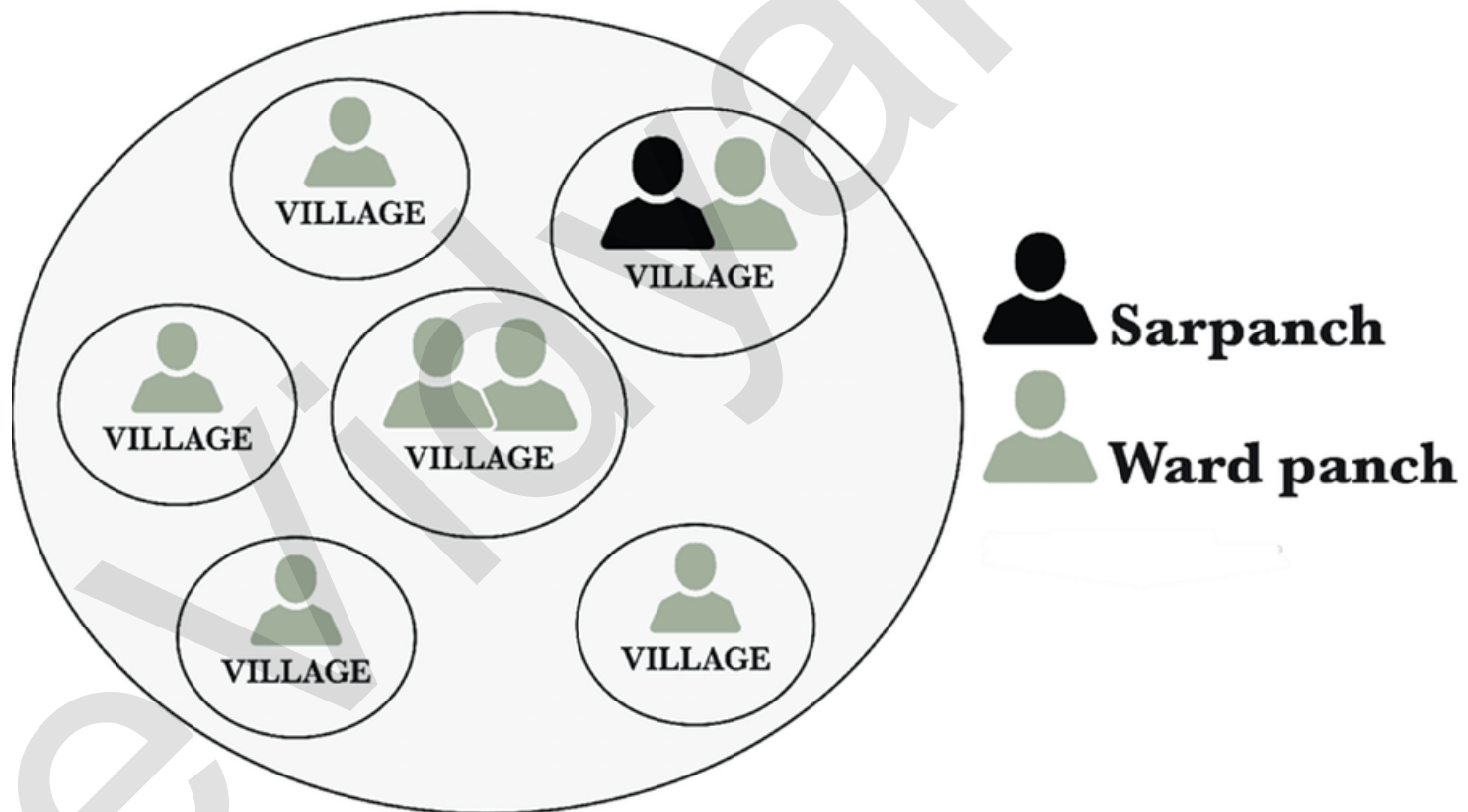
- It keeps an eye on the elected representatives and in making them responsible to the persons who elected them.
- To promote unity and harmony among all sections of the society in the village.

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## ❖ Gram Panchayat

- It is the executive wing of the Gram Sabha.
- Every village Panchayat is divided into wards, i.e. smaller areas.
  - Each ward elects a representative who is known as the Ward Member (Panch).

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- All the members of the Gram Sabha also elect a Sarpanch who is the Panchayat President.
- The Ward Panchs and the Sarpanch form the Gram Panchayat.
  - The Gram Panchayat is elected for five years.

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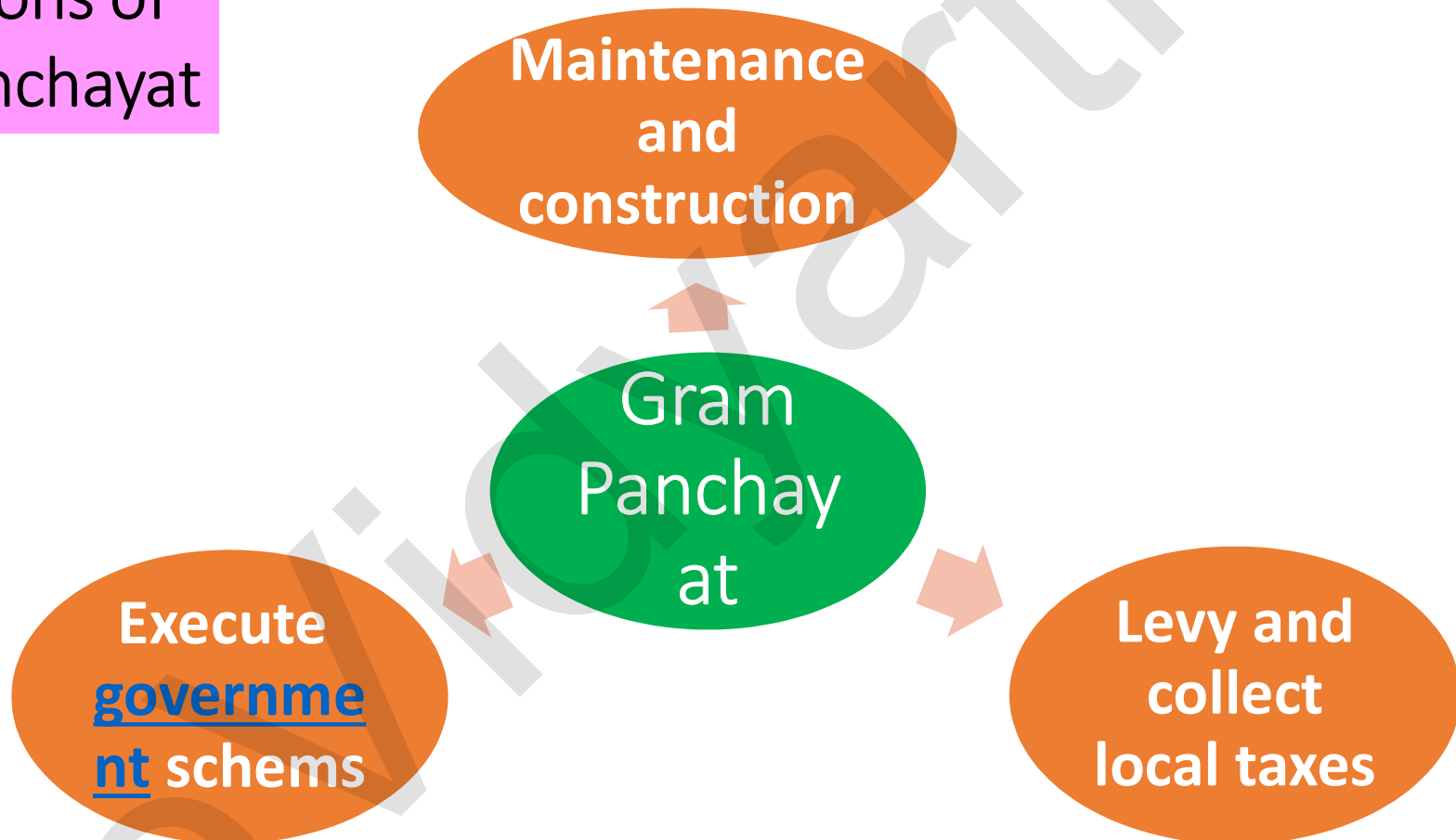
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- The Gram Panchayat has a Secretary who is not an elected person but is appointed by the government.
  - The Secretary is responsible for calling the meeting of the Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat and keeping a record of the proceedings.

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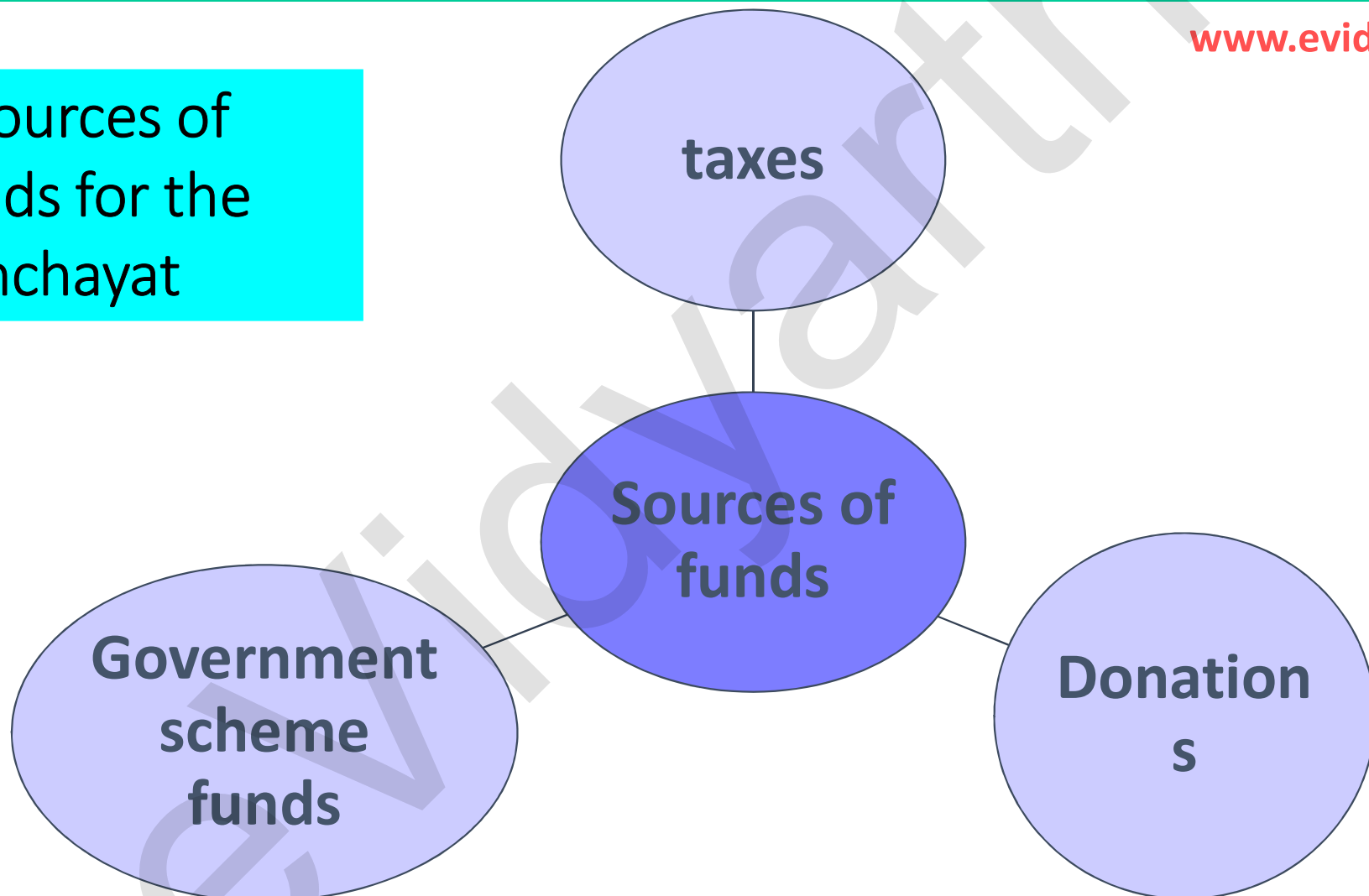
## ❑ Functions of Gram Panchayat

- Maintenance and construction of water resources, roads, drainage, School buildings and CPR (common property resources).
- Levy and collect local taxes.
- Execute [government](#) schemes related to employment

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## ❑ Sources of funds for the Panchayat

- Collection of taxes on houses, marketplaces
- Government scheme funds for the betterment of the village received by Janpads and Zila Panchayats.
- Donations for community works etc.