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## IMPACT OF PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM IN KERALA

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## ABSTRACT

The Panchayati Raj System, a decentralized form of governance, has been a pivotal element in India's rural development strategy. This study aims to investigate the impact of the Panchayati Raj System in the Alappuzha district of Kerala, assessing its effectiveness in promoting local selfgovernance, socio-economic development, and community empowerment. The research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative interviews with key stakeholders, including Panchayat members, local residents, and government officials, with quantitative analysis of relevant socio-economic indicators. By focusing on Alappuzha district in Kerala, renowned for its unique socio-cultural and economic landscape, the study seeks to provide insights into the nuanced ways in which the Panchayati Raj System operates within the regional context.