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**ROLE OF PANCHAYAT RAJ IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF
ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

The significance of Panchayat Raj to Alappuzha district's economic growth is the study's primary topic. The economic development programs implemented by the PRIs, including seed distribution, subsidy amount delivered to the people for the distribution of sowing seeds, fertilizer distribution, and the promotion of small scale and cottage industries. Moreover, the study explores the impact of these local governance mechanisms on socio-economic development indicators, including healthcare, education, and infrastructure. Challenges and opportunities inherent in the implementation of the Panchayati Raj System in Alappuzha district are also analyzed. Factors such as administrative capacity, financial autonomy, and community engagement are examined to provide a comprehensive understanding of the system's functioning. Ultimately, this research contributes to the broader discourse on decentralized governance by offering insights into the specific dynamics of the Panchayati Raj System in the context of Alappuzha district, Kerala.