

## Increase in reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) by Gujarat

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The Gujarat government recently announced **27% reservation** for **Other Backward Classes (OBCs)** in **panchayats** and **urban local bodies**.



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### **Changes in OBC reservation by Gujarat:**

- It hiked reservations for **Other Backward Classes (OBCs)** from the existing **10%** to **27%** in **local bodies** like **panchayats, municipalities, and civic corporations**.
- The change in quotas would aid in **elections** for village panchayats, district panchayats and municipalities.
- The state government appointed **Justice Jhaveri committee** based on directions from the **Supreme court** to redefine seat reservation for OBCs.
- It was aimed to **collect** and **analyze data** on the **nature** and **implications** of **backwardness** in local bodies.
- But the OBC communities would continue to get **10% reservation** in **areas** under the **Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act.**
  - The PESA-notified areas include **predominantly tribal talukas** in eight districts of the state.
  - PESA provides for extension of the provisions of **Part IX** of the **Constitution** related with Panchayats to the Scheduled Areas based on **self-government**.
- The population of OBCs in Gujarat is **about 52%**.