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Interest groups are part & parcel of a functioning democracy. Discuss.

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- 1. Interest groups are represented by political parties.
 - 2. They lobby with the government.
 - 3. They play an important role in Democracy. Inequality.
 - 4. They work towards influencing political parties, if they are not successful, they form alternate parties.
- 2. The 73rd amendment has been monumental in bringing a voice to the people in the villages. Discuss.
 - 1. It provides a three-tier system for Panchayati Raj.
 - 2. It provided reservation of seats for schedule tribes & schedule castes & 33% seats for women.
 - 3. It gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj system.
 - 4. It gave the control of local resources to elected local bodies.
 - 5. It led to a major step in enfranchising women.
 - 6. It brought more than 8lakh women in political process in a single election of 1993-94.
- 3. What are the powers & responsibilities of the Panchayats?
 - 1. To make plans for economic development.
 - 2. To promote schemes of social justice.
 - 3. To levy & collect taxes.
 - 4. To help government execute responsibilities in Villages.
- 4. Competing interests' do not always reflect a class divide. Discuss.
 - I) If the issue of close down of a factory that emits toxin gases that effects health occurs, the constitution comes forward to protect.
 - II) If the closure renders people jobless, livelihood is taken care of but priority is given to health & life of the people.
 - III) This complexity & plurality is complicated but our constitution ensures social justice at all costs.
