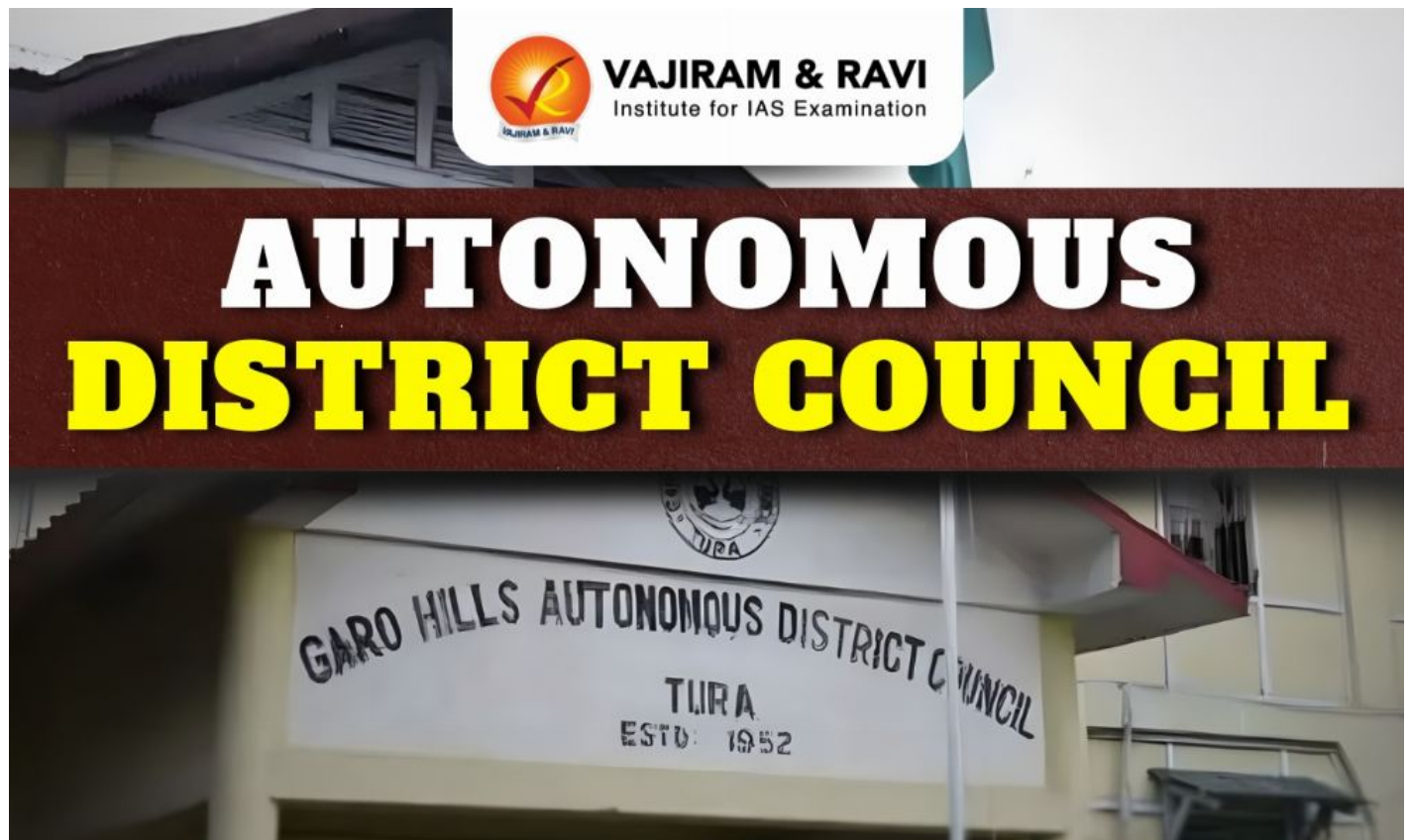


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Autonomous District Council Latest News

Recently, the Meghalaya State Government has extended the term of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC) for a period of six months..

About Autonomous District Council

- The Autonomous District Councils being autonomous bodies under **the Sixth Schedule** to the Constitution of India.
- The Sixth Schedule of the Indian constitution provides a list of **ten tribal areas** in **Assam** (3), **Meghalaya** (3), **Tripura** (1) and **Mizoram** (3).
- Each of these tribal areas constitutes an autonomous district. Each autonomous district has an Autonomous District Council (ADC).

Membership of Autonomous District Council

- They have up to **30 members** with a term of **five years**.

- Out of 30, **four are nominated** by the governor and the remaining 26 are elected on the basis of adult franchise.
- **Tenure of Autonomous District Council:** Five years from the date of their constitution.

Functions of Autonomous District Council

- They makes **laws on land, management of forests, except reserved forests**, appointment of traditional chiefs and headmen,
- They make rules **regulating the inheritance of property**, marriage, divorce, the constitution of village courts,
- It can **establish, construct or manage primary schools**, dispensaries, markets, ferries, fisheries, roads and so on in the district.
- It can also make regulations for the control of money lending and trading by non-tribals. But such regulations require the assent of the governor.

Revenue source of Autonomous District Council

- **Taxes on professions**, trades, callings and employment; taxes on animals, vehicles and boats;
- **Taxes on the entry of goods into a market and sale** therein, and tolls on passenger and goods carried on ferries; and taxes for the maintenance of school, dispensaries or roads.

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