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### **Sadhguru votes in rural local body polls**

**30 December 2019, Muttathuvayal:** Sadhguru, Founder, Isha Foundation, cast his vote during the second round of the rural local body elections at Tribal Residential school, Muttathuvayal, on the outskirts of Coimbatore, today.

After casting his vote, Sadhguru addressed the media and said, "Panchayati Raj is a very unique and significant arrangement of democracy in our country. Probably as a nation, we have not realized the significance of what is Panchayat Raj... literally a mini-Parliament in the village level itself." He further went on to add, "This is democracy at its best that rural populations in the local areas in many ways govern themselves. Though larger policies are made in the Parliament and State Assemblies, rural populations have the freedom to govern themselves."

Sadhguru also emphasized the significance of rural development saying, "The rural economy and the well being of its people is most important, because if we want the verticals of our economy to spread, without the participation of the people who live in the rural part of India, that is nearly 60% of the country's population, without their development, without their well being, without their economic prosperity and education well being, there is no well being for the nation."

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