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## **Workshop on Skills and Tools for Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) Conducted at CTARA, IIT Bombay**

**Mumbai | May 27, 2025:** PRAYOG, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA), IIT Bombay conducted a two-day workshop on "Skills and Tools required for participatory Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) by elected representatives" on 19 and 20 May, 2025.

Prof. Bakul Rao and the team at PRAYOG guided participants through various aspects of effective planning at the grassroots level. The workshop saw an enthusiastic participation of elected representatives from three villages in Kolhapur district. Participants included three Sarpanches along with Gram Panchayat members from Devthane, Pimpale Tarf Thane and Majgaon villages.

The primary objective of the workshop was to raise awareness and sensitise the elected representatives towards the Gram Panchayat Development Plan in a participatory manner. The elected representatives actively participated in the workshop and engaged in collaborative learning of skills and tools such as local resource assessment, GIS, data management and data visualisation for effective proposal writing, tendering, understanding the Gram Panchayat's powers, authority and responsibilities through Schedule 11, Article 243 G of the Constitution.

The elected representatives appreciated the relevance of the training, acknowledging the critical skills and tools required for aligning development efforts with community-specific priorities. The initiative marked a significant first step toward empowering local governance and strengthening participatory planning at the village level.

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