



# National Workshop on Enhanced Gram Panchayat Spatial Development Plan

## Why in News?

The Secretary of the [Ministry of Panchayati Raj](#) inaugurated the pioneering two-day National Workshop on Enhanced [Gram Panchayat Spatial Development Plan](#), titled “[ग्राम पंचायत - Re-Imagining the Village](#),” at the Kushabhau Thakre International Convention Centre in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

## Key Points

### About National Workshop

- **Event Details:** The workshop is a **landmark initiative** bringing together **19 partner institutes** in planning and architecture.
  - It presents **enhanced spatial plans** for **36 Gram Panchayats** across **14 States**, marking the **largest collaborative effort** in India's rural spatial development history.
  - The workshop builds upon the success of the **Cross Learning-cum-Interactive National Workshop on Gram Panchayat Spatial Development Plan** held in **February 2024**.
  - It represents a significant step towards integrating **modern planning principles** with [Panchayati Raj governance](#).
  - The workshop draws inspiration from the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of **Atmanirbhar Gram Panchayats**.
  - The workshop establishes new benchmarks for **rural governance and development**, ensuring that **scientific spatial planning** forms the foundation for **sustainable rural growth** in India.
- **Participants and Stakeholders:** The workshop witnessed participation from:
  - **Elected Representatives** of Panchayati Raj Institutions.
  - **Officers** from Panchayati Raj Departments across various States.
  - **Faculty and students** from planning and architecture institutes.
  - **Town and Country Planning Department officials** and **government agencies**.
- **Focus on Financial Sustainability and Stakeholder Engagement:** The initiative encourages the use of the **Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines**.
  - It seeks **support from stakeholders** such as **community members, financiers, policy planners**, and **technology providers** to transform rural landscapes.
  - Emphasis on the importance of **Own Sources of Revenue (OSR)** generation and [Corporate Social Responsibility \(CSR\)](#) partnerships for creating **financially sustainable Gram Panchayats**.
- **Geographical Representation:** The inaugural day featured presentations from **seven States**, including:
  - **Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Karnataka**.
    - These presentations highlighted the **nationwide momentum** and **diverse implementation approaches** in different geographical contexts.
- **Progress in Madhya Pradesh:** **Bilkisganj** and **Murvas Gram Panchayats** in Madhya Pradesh are progressing well with their comprehensive spatial planning implementation.

- **Five additional Gram Panchayats** in the State will adopt similar approaches, with the Panchayati Raj Department providing complete support for this initiative.

## Note

- A **Gram Panchayat Spatial Development Plan** is a comprehensive plan that guides the physical and spatial development of a gram panchayat.
  - It outlines how land should be used, what infrastructure should be built, and how development should be managed to achieve social and economic goals

## About NAVEENGRAM Initiative

- **NAVEENGRAM - Re-Imagining the Village** aims to **position India as a global leader** in **rural spatial development planning**.
- The initiative creates **replicable models** for planned development that reach **every corner of rural India** while preserving heritage and promoting **inclusive growth**.
  - It transforms **villages from administrative units** into **well-planned communities**, optimizing **land use, infrastructure development**, and **sustainable resource management**.

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