

# Participatory Rural Appraisal for Rural Development: A Case Study of Kaljawade Village in Kolhapur District

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**Abstract:** *Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) has gained prominence as a powerful tool for empowering rural communities by involving them in the planning and implementation of development activities. This paper explores the application of PRA in the rural development process, focusing on Kaljawade Village in the Kolhapur district of Maharashtra, India. The research examines how PRA methods were employed to identify local issues, engage the community, and design sustainable development solutions. The case study highlights the benefits and challenges of using PRA as a tool for rural development, offering insights into the effectiveness of participatory approaches in enhancing the socio-economic conditions of rural areas*

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