



## Relationship of Gram panchayat members with their role performance in agriculture development

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### ABSTRACT

The present study was undertaken with the specific objectives to know the relationship characteristics of Grampanchayat members with their role performance in agricultural development. From present study, it was concluded that majority of Grampanchayat members were performing better individual role performance and better group role performance in agricultural activities and functions. The study revealed that age had negatively significant impact while education, landholding, annual income, socio-economic status, social participation, and cosmopolitanism and extension contact had significant impact on the individual and group role performance of Grampanchayat members in agricultural activities.

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### INTRODUCTION

Gandhiji had spoken of Gram swaraj (Village republics) in which adult villagers would annually elect the government and which would have authority and jurisdiction in the fields of legislation, jurisdiction and executive decision making without interference from state government. Panchayat Raj in Maharashtra came into being in May 1962 with the enactment of Zilla parishad and Panchayat samiti Act. The Grampanchayat has been assigned the various duties out of which agriculture development was to be implemented by itself and its members, decide the success or failure of democracy decentralization.

Today, farmers alone cannot bring the development in agriculture to increase agriculture production and productivity. The farmers want more recourses from outside rather than natural recourses. Therefore, the present study was undertaken with the specific objectives to know the relationship characteristics of Grampanchayat members with their role performance in agricultural development.

### METHODOLOGY

The present study was conducted in purposively selected Kalmeshwar Tahasil of

Nagpur district of Maharashtra State in India. Kalmeshwar panchayat samiti consists of 108 villages under 51 Grampanchayat from which 20 Grampanchayat were selected and 150 respondents were selected by using random numbers sampling for the study. A schedule was designed to collect the information with the objectives of the study. For studying the relationship among selected characteristics, correlation of coefficient was worked out by calculating the relationship between personal, socio-economic and communicational characteristics of the Grampanchayat members with their role performance in agricultural development in individual and group category separately.

### RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Table 1 shows that majority of Grampanchayat members were found to age category of 35 to 51 years. 85.44 per cent Grampanchayat members were from middle and young age category and had medium level of individual role performance and regarding group role performance of Grampanchayat members, it was indicated that 91.30 per cent 85.44 members from young and middle age category had low and medium level of role performance. There was negatively significant

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