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**BHOPAL:** Minister of Panchayat and Rural Development & Labour Prahalad Patel said technology was essential to improving our lives as it cannot replace human values, labour and empathy.

He addressed the gathering at the Fifth Edition of the India Rural Colloquy, organised by Transform Rural India (TRI) at IIFM, Bhopal, on Friday. Reflecting on current planning approaches, he stressed on the need to shift focus toward the preservation of invaluable ecological and cultural assets such as forests, wildlife, and rivers whose destruction is a result of collective human neglect. He cited the Narmada Parikrama path as a living symbol of our traditional wisdom and river reverence. "Tribal communities continue to protect and worship these sacred sources during festivals like Shivratri. But the educated class remains largely disconnected from this responsibility."

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