

## **AGRASRI Regular Activities/Programmes**

The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI) is organising multifarious activities and programmes, besides its regular research studies, publications, field visit reports, exposure visits, seminars, conferences, workshops, round-table meetings and capacity building & training programmes for elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Self-Help Group Members, Youth and Women leaders and Social Activists at the grassroots level:

### **❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture Programme (20 August Every Year):**

The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI), Tirupati, has instituted the *Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture*, in the year 2002. The main objective of the Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture is to perpetuate the memory of Shri Rajiv Gandhi's significant contributions and services rendered to the nation, as the Seventh Prime Minister of India. The Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture is being organised by the Academy every year on his birth anniversary day, i.e., 20<sup>th</sup> August at Tirupati/New Delhi.



The First Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture was delivered by none other than a close associate of Shri Rajiv Gandhi and a champion of democratic decentralisation movement in contemporary India *Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar* on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Subsequently, many eminent policy makers, scholars and administrators include *Shri Shivraj V. Patil, Dr. T. Kutumba Rao, Prof.U.R. Rao, Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Dr. C. Rangaraja, Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, Dr (Mrs) V. Mohini Giri, Dr. R. Chidambaram, Dr. Bal Ram Jakhar, Prof. Sukhadeo K. Thorat and Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak* were delivered the Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lectures in the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively at Tirupati/New Delhi.

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