

## AGRASRI Regular Activities/Programmes

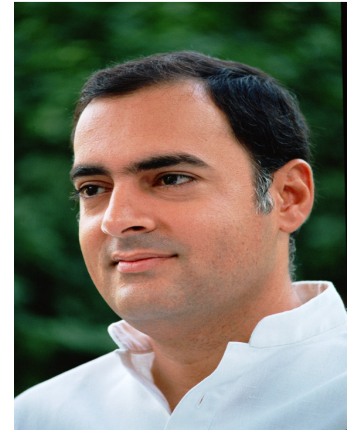
The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI) is organising multifarious activities and programmes, besides its regular research studies, publications, field visit reports, exposure visits, seminars, conferences, workshops, round-table meetings and capacity building & training programmes 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 National Awards (20 August Every Year):

The Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi National Award is an effort to acknowledge and honour extraordinary men and women who are impacting and transforming for the better our great nation through their tireless endeavors and services.

The true mark of a visionary leader lies in creating new paths for others to follow and the ability to see possibilities where none seem to exist. Aptly, these awards carry the name of the youngest Prime Minister of India *Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi*- a great visionary of modern India who was a pivot of Indian politics and unforgettable reformer in the history of our times.

The national award comprises of a Trophy and a Citation. They are given every year by a high dignitary on 20<sup>th</sup> August, i.e. the birthday of Shri Rajiv Gandhi at Tirupati/New Delhi. The National Awards honour role model policy makers, administrators, exemplary leaders in respective fields, who have exhibited exceptional leadership through pursuit of excellence.



We trust the people. We have faith in the people. It is the people who must determine their own destinies and the destiny of the nation. To the people of India, let us ensure maximum democracy and maximum devolution. Let the people be empowered.

-Rajiv Gandhi



The *Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati* has instituted these national awards (in 7 categories) to honour the infinite genius of the leaders of contemporary India who have contributed and enriched their services to modern India, as visionaries.

The Awards Jury, comprising Peers and Luminaries drawn from different segments of society, headed by *Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap*, eminent Constitutional expert and Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, after deliberations finally picks one Leader in each category for the Award. The Nominations will be received every year in the month of January/February, by the Academy.

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