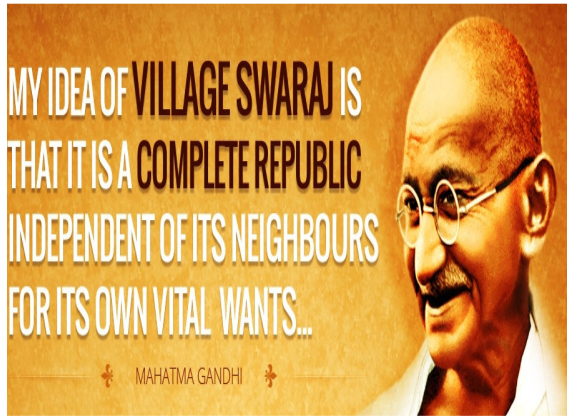


AGRASRI Regular Activities/Programmes

The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI) is organising multi-farious 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:

Gram Swaraj Day Celebrations (2 October Every Year):



Gandhian vision of ideal village or village Swaraj is that it is a complete republic, independent of its neighbors for its own wants and yet interdependent for many others in which dependence is necessary. Swaraj lays stress on governance, not by a hierarchical government, but by self governance through individuals and community building. The focus is on political decentralisation.

The Gandhian ideal of Gram Swaraj remains an unfinished agenda even after fifty seven years of the implementation of the Panchayati Raj on the recommendation of the Balwantray Mehta Study Team on October 2, 1959 at Nagaur in Rajasthan and even 23 years after the enactment of the 73rd Amendment and 22 years after its implementation by various States in 1994 through conformity legislations for several reasons. However, the recent initiative of the NDA Government towards the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan will help the Panchayati Raj Institutions deliver sustainable development goals.

As grassroots level organisation, the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India is organising the Gram Swaraj Day Celebrations on the birth day of Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October every year at Tirupati, by sensitising the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions about their roles and responsibilities in discharging their duties as grassroots level policy makers.

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