

Topics for Swaraj Gyan Panchayat

1. Food Swaraj and Farmers' Movement

- a. Food Swaraj is an arrangement for ensuring nutritious food for every human being
- b. To enable Food Swaraj, the production of food grains must be independent of the market
- c. In the creation of policies for food, we must ensure the participation of Farmer and Women communities. Panchayats at the Block level may be organized to formulate policies for attaining Food Swaraj that are based on Knowledge
- d. The storage and processing of food grains and Dals should be localized and in the hands of small and family entrepreneurs. Women should get priority in these enterprises.
- e. Extensive cultivation of JAU (??), Bajra, Jowar, Ragi and other similar millets/ local grains must be encouraged.
- f. Sea-food production must be organized around local practices, knowledge and needs.
- g. All techniques and technology to be implemented in growing food crops must necessarily be widely discussed and understood by the farmer Society beforehand.
- h. Those working in the areas of agriculture and associated with food must be paid salaries on par with Government servants.

2. Economic Measures for Poverty Eradication

- a. Local markets must be strengthened based on local employment.
- b. Precedence must be given to local knowledge and skills in these markets
- c. We must ensure that not less than 80% of the goods sold in local markets is from the locality
- d. Cooperation and not competition must be the motto of economic activity (MAYBE NOT A CORRECT TRANSLATION??)
- e. Tax policy and currency policies must be changed in line with local market needs

3. Social Justice and providing a Central place for Knowledge
 - a. Knowledge, Income and Livelihood (/ Employment)
 - b. Different routes for participation of various types of knowledge of different communities
 - c. At the local level, “Bhaichara” Panchayats of different communities must be established
 - d. Justice and resolving the contradiction of Community Vs. Caste
4. Water-Forest-Land Movement and Local Rule
 - a. Communities and People may not be displaced from their spaces
 - b. Any step of administration may be taken only based on the acceptance by the local communities
 - c. Organization and administration of Water, Forest and Lands will necessarily need to involve local Gyan Panchayats.
5. Environmental Movement and Local Knowledge, Techniques and Skills
 - a. Local methods for reduction of water, air, sound and soil pollution
 - b. Methods for excavation, electricity production and construction of bridges (I am not sure if this is a correct translation!)
 - c. Environmental safety in Urban areas – methods and Arriving at a balance of relationship between the Village and the City
 - d. Place emphasis on people’s techniques and arrangements
 - e. What are the means for collating and acting upon the opinions and analyses of local communities on the types and extents of usage of various skills and techniques in different industries, distribution logistics etc.
6. Politics Vs. Swaraj
7. Swaraj vs. Politics: Human values, logic, knowledge and consciousness
8. Capitalist politics vs. People’s politics – the knowledge bases

9. Traditions of Swaraj
10. Various traditions of Social organization
11. Contemporary forms of non-cooperation
12. Ideas about evolution of Artistic traditions
13. Agriculture vs. Airports: Two choices of Development
 - a. Big Cities, Big Dams, Big Hospitals, Big Markets, Big Industry – Vs. people
 - b. The Good of All vs. Great Luxuries for a few
14. Swaraj vs. Corporate Rule: Two models for
 - a. The foundations of a society that is based on good for all, justice, cooperation and togetherness
15. Capacity of Society vs. Political Rule: Two forms of Power
 - a. Power vs. Rule
 - b. Sources of Power in society
16. The two facets of philosophy: Collectivism vs. Individualism in Society (Whole vs. Part)
17. Lokavidya vs. Science: Two streams of
 - a. Let there be brotherhood between different streams of knowledge
 - b. There must be debates in Gyan Panchayats on the logical, ideological, Value and processes of different knowledge streams

- c. The local communities must together determine the organization and running of society by merging different knowledge streams to different extents as determined by them
18. Let there be a creative relationship between systems of knowledge and education and curing (????)in society
19. The philosophies of Lokavidya and Capitalism
20. The Lokavidya Community, the majority community and traditions of justice
21. Nation vs. Society
22. The knowledge base of the philosophy of Swaraj is in Lokavidya
23. People's memories (communities' memories) vs. History and traditions
24. Intellectual Satyagraha vs. the politics of opposition

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