

Answer on Question #41277 – History - Other

Write a short note on Gram Swaraj as proposed by Vinoba Bhave

Solution

Vinoba Bhave is a symbolic figure in India's society, who spent his life advocating human rights and nonviolent resistance. His support of Gram Swaraj (self-governance through community building and independence from foreign influence) was embodied in the Bhoodan Movement.

The main idea of this movement was the land reform. The pieces of land, voluntarily donated by wealthy landowners, were redistributed to the poor landless people. Vinoba Bhave traveled across India persuading landowners to donate their land; he also tried to convince peasants to give up using tractors and other agricultural machines and also to give up using money. On the whole, this movement was not really successful; however, it gave people a lot of inspiration and a hope to achieve Swaraj with love and non-violence that can help to break the cycle of violence on the earth.

