

CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME

Students

According to Gandhi, the current education is unnatural and to acquire knowledge in foreign language in the place of mother tongue is a waste of time for students. Gandhi set out a clear programme to train and prepare the students, who are the future leaders of the nation, as to what they should do and should not do. Students, in his opinion, should keep away from party politics, political strikes and coercive and secret ways. They should take to spinning, use khadi and village products, learn the national language and enrich their mother tongue.

Adivasis

Service of Adivasis was also included in the constructive programme. Gandhi clarified that this work is not merely humanitarian but it is a national service.

Lepers

Gandhi felt that we urgently need to pay our attention to this long neglected condition of the lepers and our inhuman behaviour towards them. If we are to construct non-violent social order, we will have to cultivate compassion, love and service towards the economically and physically weaker and diseased people. Non-violent society is not possible unless everybody enjoys the equal status and opportunities. In order to generate non-violent strength among the masses through constructive work, Constructive Programme 113 114 Gandhi: The Man and His Times Gandhi had established many institutions, each with a specific goal. The main function of these organisations was to promote, encourage and supervise the activities of constructive programmes.