



The Wicked Challenge

Achieving sustainable development is complex, requiring inclusive, culturally aligned leadership that navigates uncertainty and conflict while integrating ethical, community-driven approaches across diverse contexts.

BUT

The silver lining is the power of community-led, sovereignty-driven leadership to creatively address uncertainty, integrate Indigenous knowledge, and scale local solutions for achieving sustainable development.

Motivating and mobilizing - Community actions taking sustainable practices from local to global and vice-versa

Common agreement

Gandhian Principles as a foundation for sustainable community action

Empowerment from within - whether through individual training or community upliftment

Local knowledge and practices (like Gram Swaraj) are key to building global sustainability models

Importance of leadership development and social inclusion

Recognition of women and marginalized communities as agents of change.



Speaker
Uthara Narayanan
Co-founder & Chief Changemaker, Buzz Women

As a founder, my journey with Buzz Women has enabled 10 million underserved women to craft their livelihood

Believes in holistic approach to development: social, economic, and ecological transformation

There are ripple effect of change through inner strength training, community anchors, inspiration fellowship, and Buzz business initiative



Speaker
Sanjay Rai
National Secretary, Harijan Sewak Sangh

Swaraj was impossible without Gandhi

His notable initiatives were:

- Formation of Harijan Sevak Sangh (1932) and Kasturba Trust.
- Role in the Poona Pact and benefits for untouchables.
- Gandhi's acts of opening temples to Harijans.
- Core principles: truth and non-violence.



Moderator
Biraj Patnaik
Executive Director,
National Foundation of India

An indigenous practice related to the circular economy that we aim to reintroduce

Potential Solution



Reviving Gandhian values
Truth, non-violence, and upliftment of the marginalized as core to sustainable practices.



Redefining Gram Swaraj as Circular Economy
Promoting localized, regenerative, and culturally aligned development models.



Women-led transformation
Building inner strength and developing community leadership



Integrating indigenous practices into current development discourse for circular, resilient economies