



Concluding Session



Speaker
Gagan Sethi
Founder, Janvikas and
Centre for Social Justice

I am because we are!

- ❖ Let's foster dialogues over pushing unilateral views
- ❖ Leaders should engage directly with communities
- ❖ Strategic Partnership for Swaraj initiatives like **Swaraj Shala** and **Swaraj Fund**, but avoid control or dictation in these platforms
- ❖ True Swaraj must align with people's aspirations, requiring clear .

Policy (Neeti) | Commitment (Nishtha) | Intention (Neeyat)



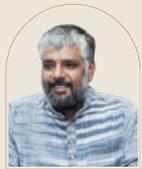
Speaker
Anshu Gupta
Founder, Goonj

- ❖ Dignity and respect for rural communities and their traditional skills.
- ❖ The toxic labelling of rural populations as 'unskilled' undermines their profound indigenous knowledge and craftsmanship.
- ❖ The ignorance/arrogance of sabotaging alternative learning methods, especially for adolescents should be curtailed; in fact, recognition and appreciation of diverse learning styles and practical intelligence in rural contexts will be the true meaning of **Swaraj!**



Speaker
Jagadananda
Mentor & Co-Founder,
Centre of Youth & Social
Development

- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi's vision of Swaraj: empowering people to resist misuse of authority
- ❖ Swaraj in agro-ecology, health, soil, and energy is important for climate action.
- ❖ **Unity and collective action should be strengthened:** calling for urgent focus on PESA rules and strengthening Panchayati Raj.



Speaker
Jayesh Joshi
Secretary, Vaagdhara

- ❖ Swaraj is deeply woven into tribal lifestyles in the form of their values of self-reliance and harmony with nature.
- ❖ Swaraj Samvad as a guiding North Star for collective action.
- ❖ Partner CSOs should take this dialogue forward in their own contexts and regions.
- ❖ Strengthening dialogue between families, villages and panchayats, across generations, between human and nature, among Communities (**Samaj**), Governments (**Sarkar**), and Markets (**Bazar**) is essential.
- ❖ By strengthening such dialogues, the spirit and significance of Swaraj will be established naturally.

KEY TAKEAWAYS: SWARAJ SAMVAAD 2.0



To reclaim Swaraj as community stewardship, we must initiate the **Swaraj Movement** as a multifaceted movement reaching out to various stakeholders through **Samvad** (Dialogue) initially and later co-creating a free-access Swaraj Repository. It will require the creation of two wheels of **Netratva** (leadership) through **Swaraj Shala** and **Sansadhan** (resources) through the Swaraj Fund.