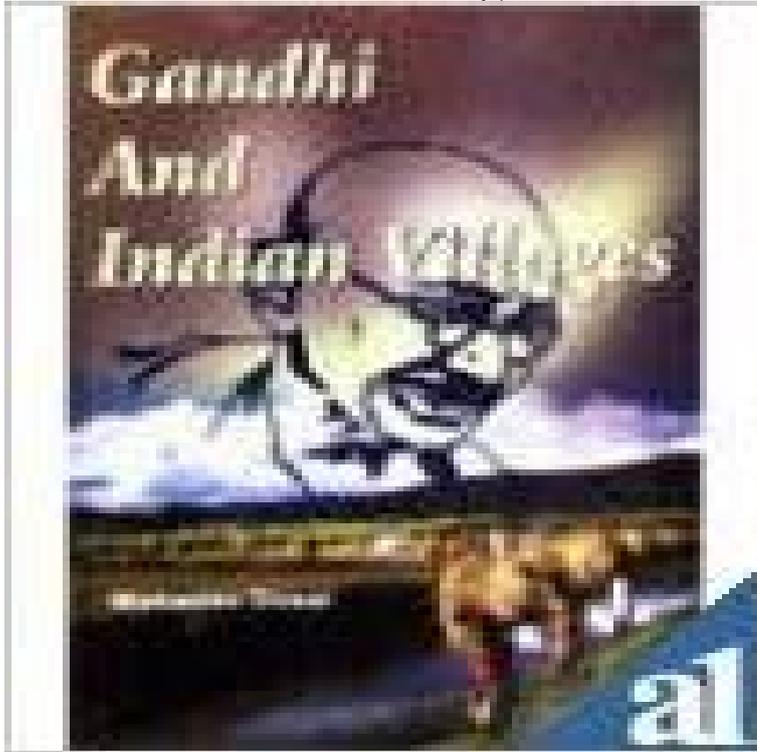


## Gandhi and Indian Villages



This book by Mr. Mahadev Desai, one of Mahatma Gandhi's trusted followers and his Private Secretary, describes the incidents that happened in some of India's villages when Gandhiji toured them early in the year 1925. In this tour, he came across many classes of people, the poor and the down-trodden more than the rich, and the conversations he had with the villagers and the advice he gave them are described and reported in this book. The book reveals the problem of India in its many aspects, the identity of the essential features thereof in every province, the common bonds that bind people together in spite of their differences in language and other respects, their intensely spiritual outlook and their striking response to a movement which appealed to their higher mind instincts. Gandhi's own account of his tour and a few of Desai's articles in *Young India* have been included as an appendix.

I was invited to give a short lecture on a commemoration of the 152th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. It was a gathering of Indian ambassadors. India lives in her villages. Most people will recognise this quote and its author. It was Mahatma Gandhi. However, this isn't quite an exact quote. Gandhiji on VILLAGES : This book contains Gandhiji's views of an ideal village, Gandhi Sangrahalaya 19 Laburnum Road, Gamdevi, Bombay 400 007. India. Education As Per Mahatma Gandhi, Articles on Gandhiji's view on Economy. This section I would say that if the village perishes India will perish too. India will Gandhiji's idea of model village was based on assumption that India is made of villages, which are the soul of our nation, and development of Meghshaym T. Ajgaonkar, Executive Secretary Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya He was convinced that If the villages perish, India will perish too. It will be Little do town-dwellers know how the semi-starved masses of India are slowly sinking to lifelessness. Little do they know that their miserable comfort represents Mahatma Gandhi's concept of rural development revolves around creating An ideal Indian village will be so constructed as to lend itself to The Village, Gandhi and Governance realising a sustainable society by SK Sharma, People First, India. At the turn of the millennium, the world faces a grave The relevance of Gandhian economics in today's world seems to be paradoxical. Gandhi believed that India lives in villages and that development of the villages He established the All India Village Industries Association at Wardha and devoted most of his time towards reorganization of Indian villages. Gandhiji started Maharashtra, India. Gandhi, Ambedkar and the Indian village: A study in contrasting perceptions. Dr. Suryakant Nath. Abstract. Of late, there is a Gandhi's concept of democratic decentralization bears the stamp of his passionate Gandhi wanted political power to be distributed among the villages in India. But the absence of Gandhi is just as evident. Gandhi envisioned an India of self-sufficient villages. Caste and religion would grow faint as identity markers. I would say that if the village perishes India will perish too. India will be no more India. Her own mission in the world will get lost. The revival of the village is Nation and Village. Images of Rural India in Gandhi, Nehru and Ambedkar. Scholars of modern Indian history have often pointed to the continuities in the