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Which one of the following is a very significant aspect of the Champaran Satyagraha? (a) Active all-India participation of lawyers, students and women in the National Movement (b) Active involvement of Dalit and Tribal communities of India in the National Movement (c) Joining of peasant unrest to India's National Movement (d) Drastic decrease in the cultivation of plantation crops and commercial crops Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Active all-India participation of lawyers, students and women. That scale of all-India social breadth is more characteristic of later Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience than of Champaran 1917. This option is not the key.

(b)

(b) Active involvement of Dalit and Tribal communities as the significant aspect. Champaran was a peasant (raiya) struggle against **tinkathia** indigo; that is not its textbook "very significant aspect" as Dalit-tribal nationwide mobilisation. This option is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) Joining of peasant unrest to India's National Movement. **Gandhi's** first satyagraha in India linked Champaran's indigo peasants to the Congress-led national movement. That fusion is the standard significance. This option is the official key.

(d)

(d) Drastic decrease in plantation and commercial crops. The campaign eased **tinkathia**; it did not define itself as a nationwide collapse of commercial cropping. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c). **Champaran Satyagraha (1917)** is remembered as the moment peasant grievances entered the national movement under **Gandhi**. It was not yet an all-India mobilisation of lawyers, students and women, nor primarily a Dalit-tribal nationwide turn, nor a programme to wipe out commercial crops. The WRAP letter is therefore (c).

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