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The Vital-Vidhvansak, the first monthly journal to have the untouchable people as its target audience was published by (a) Gopal Baba Walangkar (b) Jyotiba Phule (c) Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (d) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Gopal Baba **Walangkar**. Vital-Vidhvansak (1888), aimed at 'untouchable' readers.

(b)

Phule. Gulamgiri and Satyashodhak; not this monthly.

(c)

Gandhi. Harijan is decades later.

(d)

Ambedkar. **Mooknayak** / Bahishkrit Bharat, not Vital-Vidhvansak.

Summary

Official key is (a). Vital-Vidhvansak, the first monthly aimed at untouchable readers, was brought out by Gopal Baba **Walangkar**, a Mahar pioneer before **Phule**'s later heirs and **Ambedkar**'s papers.

Related possible facts

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Walangkar

Mahar ex-army; petition against caste humiliation.

Mooknayak

Ambedkar, 1920 - a later title.