

Two Days Workshop

On

“Issues on Sustainable Agriculture Development”

15/11/2018-16/11/2018

A two-day workshop on "Issues for Sustainable Agriculture Development" was organized in the School of Social Sciences, DAVV on 15th and 16th November 2018 under the chairmanship of Dr. Rekha Acharya, Head of School of Social Sciences. This program was done under the auspices of Vibha Vani, New Delhi.

Head of the Department, Dr. Rekha Acharya, while introducing the program said that there are three major challenges facing the agriculture in this period - not getting the right price of crops, reduction in soil fertility and market failures. She further said that the production of agriculture in the whole country is uneven - somewhere the bumper & somewhere the fertile. Where there is bumper, farmers do not get the right price for their crops and there is a delay in the payment of sale in agricultural markets, and due to this, the farmers are being deceived in the debt trap and it becomes a vicious circle for our country's agriculture. She said that for this reason, to develop such a strategy through this workshop by which agriculture can be a source of profit and emerging from these challenges, our country's agriculture, can achieve growth and sustainability, is the only aim of this workshop.

Honorable **Mr. Ashutosh Mishra**, former Vice Chancellor of Devi Ahilya University was present as the Chief Guest of the program. He described the topic of the Workshop as very important, as well explained the coordination between “*What Market is and how to make the Market*”. He said that in the name of development we are ending our natural resources and said that our country should adopt new techniques of agricultural development from other countries. He also said that the revelation has given us a lot and what we are doing for it, is a matter of concern.

Mr. Jayant Sahastra Buddhhe, National Organizing Secretary, Department of Viva Vaani said that sustainable development means *saving resources for the next generation*. He further said that "the first concern is that the soil fertility remains intact. Although there is an artificial arrangement of market pricing, the soil fertility cannot be determined by the market. He declared Malwa State as "Agro Climate Entity" and said that we should try to make the same policy of all the states without worrying about diversity. He also mentioned an idea of "food mile", which he explained to "how far a grain is coming to us". He also said that we should consume the life of every food. He said another important fact that keeping in mind the contemplation of India's contemplation materials such as Mahabharata, novel, Vedas etc., we should keep growing and working at the level of the world at the global level.

Mr. N. Vice President, Vishwa Vani. P. Rajeev ji said that we are living in the great era of social transformation and along with it many obstacles are also taking place together. He said in reference to several books that we have descended with a new revolution, which is completely digital. He described the three steps of revolution - the agricultural revolution, the industrial revolution and the digital revolution. He told that the change from the digital revolution has become more dynamic.

The program was also enlightened by the presence of Shri Pravin Rowdas, National Secretary, Vibha Vani and former Director Shri Subhash Tamboli of Vibha Vani.

The *second day* of the workshop began with the address by Dr. Rekha Acharya (HEAD-SOSS) introducing the information about the previous day & with the discussion of the efforts made for establishing sustainable agricultural development in the country. At present, agriculture sector has been given high priority such as National Agriculture Market, Agriculture Skill Counseling of India etc. With this, the program was inaugurated with the welcome of Mr. Jayakumar Kumar, the Mentor and Advisor of Vibha Vani. Mr. Jayakumar Ji emphasized the matter with utmost importance and said that this kind of workshop will introduce new dimensions of sustainable agricultural development. He further said that if a country wants to make its people happy and hungry, then they have to choose a policy of sustainable development. The integrated sustainable development should be slogans for farmers, artisans, businessmen, entrepreneurs etc. The UNO has already designed sustainable development goals in different areas. To achieve this, India has to make a long distance.

Dr. Rekha Acharya, Head of School of Social Sciences, said that the National Innovation Foundation, India (Department of Science and Technology) and Social Science Studies will work together in Social work in agriculture and other fields. She also told that this kind of workshop should be organized more in future and should also include farmers in the same. She said that training and development programs for students and farmers should be organized.

The program winded up with the felicitation ceremony of the Guest & thanksgiving Dr. Rekha Acharya, Head of Social Sciences, DAVV.





