

SEMINAR REPORT

Two days National Level Seminar on "Indian Agriculture: Outlook and Challenges" sponsored by UGC, New Delhi had been arranged at C.D. Jain College of Commerce, Shrirampur from 12th to 14th, September 2013.

Day 1: 12th September, 2013

Inaugural Sessions: -

The seminar was inaugurated on 12th September, 2013 at 11:00 am under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Raghunathrao Agaleji, Ex- Principal, Dnyaneshwar Mahavidyalaya, Newasa, Dist- Ahmednagar. He expressed his concern that though India is a major exporter of Agricultural products. We lack storing facility which leads to wastage. Hence, some concrete solution must be found to overcome this problem.

Inaugural function was chaired by Hon'ble Dr. Budhajirao Mulik, Agro Scientist, who mentioned that farmers are the real assets of the country and also said that it is quite disheartening that Minimum Support Price does not provide any Support to the farmers. According to him agriculture is imbibed in Indians, it cannot be separated from them and therefore government must make every possible efforts to solve the problems of farmers.

Vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Barhate G. H.

Technical Session I: -

Theme of First technical session was Indian Agriculture Status: Importance and Role. First technical session was chaired by Hon'ble Dr. Madhavi Patgaonkar, Assistant Professor, Arts, Commerce and Science College, Rahata. Dr. Patgaonkar spoke about Agriculture and Entrepreneurship.

Hon'ble Dr. Rasal R.G., Vice Principal, P. V. P. College, Loni, was a resource person of the session. Dr. Rasal highlighted the reasons for low agricultural productivity in Maharashtra. According to him the major reasons are:

1. Lack of adequate infrastructure facility
2. 83% area of Maharashtra is rainfed area
3. Year after year per capita land holding in Maharashtra is getting reduced
4. Low Mechanisation

All these challenges have to be overcome to reduce the problems of the farmers.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Kalamkar R. P.

Technical Session II: -

Second technical session was chaired by Hon'ble Dr. Chavare D. T., Assistant Professor, C. D Jain College of Commerce, Shirampur. Participants presented their papers during this session. Dr. Cholake S. P., R. B. N. B College, Shirampur presented a paper on "Assessment of Impact of Rainfall on Food Grain Production in Ahmednagar District". Prof. Yasmin Shaikh, Shri Shahu Mandir Mahavidyalaya, Pune, presented a paper on "Importance and Role of Indian Agriculture". Prof. Dr. Bairagi V. B., S. M. B. S. T. College, Sangamner, presented a paper on "Agro- Based Industry". Prof. Chaudhari C. B., R. B. N. B College, Shirampur presented a paper on "Import and Export of Wheat Crop in India". Dr. Kambale B. B., S. M. P. Mahavidyalaya, Pimpri, presented a paper on "The Role of Contract Farming in Agricultural Marketing in India". After paper presentation the session was open for general discussion.

Prof. Devadkar D. T. proposed vote of thanks.

Day 2: 13th September, 2013

Key Note Address: -

Key Note Address was delivered by Hon'ble Dr. Deshmukh R. B., Ex- Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Dist- Ahmednagar. To quote him "Every citizen of this planet has the right to have enough nutritious food at an affordable price and to achieve this goal, technology must be developed and made available to every practicing farmer". He suggested that to solve the problem we need Ever Green Revolution. Such Ever Green Revolution can be achieved by investing in soil and water conservation, adopting micro irrigation system, soil, water & plant analysis which will help to maintain soil health, guiding farmers for production of organic inputs, providing financial assistance and technical guidance for reclamation of problematic soils.

Session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Adik B. R., Vice Principal, C. D. Jain College of Commerce, Shirampur who made the concluding remarks.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Dr. Barhate G. H.

Technical Session III:-

Theme of third technical session was Agriculture Finance. Prof. D. D. Pathare, Associate Professor, Shahu Mandir College, Pune was resource person of this session. He mentioned that Government has a role to play in establishing a favorable or "enabling" policy environment, infrastructure and information systems, and supervisory structures to facilitate the smooth functioning of rural and agricultural financial markets, but a more limited role in direct interventions. .

Third Technical Session was chaired by Dr. Sampatrao Jadhav, Director, Institute of Management and Research, Malegaon. He said that to sustainably expand access to rural and agricultural finance, experience has shown that a stable economy (e.g. low inflation) and a liberalized financial environment are more likely to result in expanding access to financial services. Fiscal and monetary policy should aim to prevent overvalued exchange rates to avoid: 1) creating a bias against domestic agricultural production, 2) pushing interest rates on government securities higher, and thereby 3) discouraging commercial financial institutions from entering relatively risky rural markets.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Kalamkar R. P.

Technical Session IV:-

Theme of the Fourth Technical Session was Agriculture Pricing Policy. Ho. Dr. Vasant Pokharkar, Incharge of State Cost of Cultivation Scheme, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Dist- Ahmednagar was resource person of this session. Dr. Pokharkar spoke about Minimum Support Price. He explained various methods of calculation of cost of cultivation such as average method, weighted average method, bulk line method. Also he mentioned various factors that are considered while determining Minimum Support Price such as PDS, Import-Export Price Parity, Crop Planning, National and International Prices and Cost of Cultivation. At the end he highlighted the reasons for low agriculture productivity in Maharashtra.

Fourth Technical Session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Barhate G. H., HOD, Commerce and Research Centre, C. D. Jain College of Commerce, Shrirampur. He made a concluding remark about the session.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. CA Wagh P. K.

Technical Session V:-

Theme of the Fifth Technical Session was WTO and Agriculture. Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Walmik Sarawade, Director, Management and Science, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad was a resource person of the session. Dr. Sarawade pointed out number of problems faced by farmers such as lack of infrastructure facility, lack of water management, lack of technical knowledge, load shedding and so on. He suggested that women entrepreneurship must be encouraged in rural areas. Agro Processing Units can be established by women in villages and government is expected to provide credit.

Fifth Technical Session was chaired by I/C Prin Dr.J.R. Bhor, Arts, Commerce and Science College, Satral, Rahuri. He gave concluding remarks about the session.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Dr. Kamble B. N.

Technical Session VI:-

Theme of the Sixth Technical Session was Import and Export of Agro Products. Dr. Sayyad Azaruddin, Resource Person of the session, mentioned his concern by saying that "Agriculture is on oxygen, if we do not act today, we will have to repay tomorrow". He said that it is the duty of Agriculture Knowledge Science & Technology to help the society face the challenges related to agriculture.

Sixth Technical Session was chaired by Prof. Onkar Bihani, Associate Professor, Sangamner College, Sangamner, who made a concluding remark on the session.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Waghmare B. S.

Day 3: 14th September, 2013

Technical Session VII:-

Seventh Technical Session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Bakhale S. R., Associate Professor, C. D. Jain College of Commerce, Shrirampur. Participants presented papers during this session. Prof. Ughade V. A., Govt. First Grade College, Sindagi, Dist- Bijapur, Karnataka presented a paper on "Agriculture in India". Prof. Jawale M.J., A.S. C. College, Kopargaon presented a paper on "Agro Based Industries in India". Dr. Kanawade M. S., H. B. J. Arts, Commerce and Science College, Junnar, presented a paper on "Mechanism of Agriculture". Prof. Angha Gokhale, Dr. TNS College of Commerce, Guhagar, presented on "Performance Evaluation of mango Processing in South Kokan Region". Dr. Mote D. K., New A.C.S. College, Ahmednagar, presented a paper on "Agriculture Finance in India". Dr. Jangle B. S., D. T. A. College, Daund, presented a paper on "Current Status of Institutional Credit Flow to Agriculture in India". Dr. Bakhale concluded the session with his remarks.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Ashok Rahane.

Technical Session VIII:-

Theme of the Eighth Technical Session was Agro Based Industry. Resource Person of the session was Hon'ble Kishor Nirmal, Director, Prabhat Dairy Products Pvt. Ltd., Ranjankhol; Tal- Rahata shared his practical and personal experiences with us by presenting the case study of Prabhat Dairy Products Pvt. Ltd. and put forth before the participants his journey from rags to riches.

Chairperson Prof. Ghotekar D. B., Associate Professor, C. D. Jain College of Commerce, Shrirampur highlighted key statistics of milk production in India.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Gadhe D. P.

Technical Session IX:-

Nineth technical session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Sunil Cholake, Associate Professor, R.B.N.B. College, Shirampur. Participants presented their papers during this session Dr.Smt V. D. Patil, Radhabai Kale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Ahmednagar, presented a paper on "Agriculture Productivity in India". Prof. O. R. Bihani, Sangamner College, Sangamner, presented a paper on "Agro Tourism". Prof. R. M. Khilare, Sangamner College, Sangamner, presented a paper on "Agro Tourism- A Tool to Dveleop Farmers in Maharashtra". Prof Smt. Kangune L. R., Dnyaneshwar Mahavidyalaya, Newasa, presented a paper on "Role of Primary Agricultural Credit Society in Providing Agricultural Finance". Prof. Gadhe D. P., S.S.G.M. College, Kopargaon, presented a paper on "Agricultural Marketing". Prof. Dr. Nighot B. B., S.S.G.M. College, Kopargaon, presented a paper on "Export and Import of Milk Product in India". Prof. Dr. Sunil Cholake made concluding remarks of the session.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Ravi Jadhav.

Valedictory Function:-

Prin Dr. L.D. Bhor gave a welcome speech of the session. Dr. S. N. Gawali, Co-ordinator of the seminar, gave a brief introduction of the Chief Guest and Chairperson of the function.

Prof. Vivekanad Ughade, Dr. Sampatrao Jadhav, Dr. Mrs. Madhavi Patgaonkar gave their feedbacks about the seminar.

Report of various sessions of the seminar was read by Prof. Ms. Karir M.A.

Chief Guest of Valedictory session Hon'ble Raghunathdada Patil, Founder President, Shetkari Sanghatana, Maharashtra State mentioned that it is unfortunate that there is no proper water conservation in India. Where there are floods, excess water can be diverted to the areas facing drought. He suggested that priority level must be determined by the government. Rather than building flyovers, first preference must be towards providing irrigation facility. He also said that he is surprised by the fact that shoes are sold in showrooms and vegetables are sold near drainages. A due attention towards hygiene is need of an hour.

Chairperson of the session Hon'ble Shri T. E. Shelke, Ex- Principal, R.B.N.B. College, Shirampur congratulated college for organising a seminar on a burning issue of Indian Agriculture.

Vote of thanks was moved by Prof. Dr. S. R. Bakhale.

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