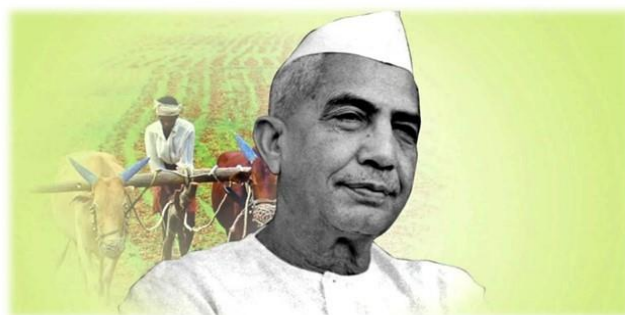




National Farmers Day -2024 Celebrations



Organised By Department of Economics

The Department of Economics, Government College (A), Rajahmundry, organized National Farmers Day to honor and recognize the invaluable contributions of farmers to the nation's economy and well-being. The event was a resounding success, bringing together faculty, students, and esteemed guests to celebrate this significant occasion.

Introduction:-

National Farmers' Day, or Kisan Diwas, is celebrated annually on December 23rd in India to honor the invaluable contributions of farmers, who are the backbone of the nation's economy. This date commemorates the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, India's fifth Prime Minister, renowned for his advocacy for farmers' rights and implementation of policies aimed at improving their welfare.

Significance of National Farmers' Day

The day serves as a reminder of the critical role that farmers play in India's economy, highlighting their contributions to food security and economic stability. It also brings attention to the challenges faced by the farming community, including fair pricing, climate change, and the need for sustainable agricultural practices.

Event Highlights

The program was chaired by Dr. Rajana Balayya, the In-charge of the Department of Economics, who set the tone for the event with an inspiring address. Dr.R.Balayya highlighted the pivotal role of farmers in ensuring food security and emphasized the importance of understanding their challenges in the context of economic development.



Each faculty member shared their unique perspectives on the theme of National Farmers Day:

- **K. Ananda Rao** discussed the historical and cultural importance of farming in India, urging the younger generation to appreciate and support the agricultural sector.
- **CH. Sanjeev Kumar** highlighted the economic policies impacting farmers and stressed the need for more inclusive and farmer-friendly initiatives.
- **Chatrapathi vs Saladi** spoke about environmental challenges in agriculture and the importance of sustainable farming practices.
- **Dr. A. Prasadu** addressed the impact of globalization on agriculture and the need for local innovations to remain competitive.
- **K. V. Ganesh Kumar** emphasized the role of education in empowering rural communities and fostering a new generation of agricultural leaders.



Government Initiatives

The Indian government has introduced several schemes to support farmers' socio-economic upliftment and ensure sustainable agricultural growth. Notable programs include:

- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN):** Provides financial assistance to farmers to support their farming needs.
- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY):** Offers crop insurance to protect farmers against losses due to natural calamities.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY):** Provides pension benefits to senior farmers, ensuring long-term social security.

Legacy of Chaudhary Charan Singh

- Chaudhary Charan Singh, born on December 23, 1902, in Noorpur, Uttar Pradesh, was a prominent political figure who served as India's Prime Minister from 1979 to 1980. Coming from a peasant family, he was deeply connected to the farming community and implemented several key policies during his tenure to promote agricultural development. His focus on land reforms, improving agricultural productivity, and securing the rights of farmers laid the foundation for welfare-oriented policies that continue to influence India's agricultural landscape today.
- National Farmers' Day not only honors the memory of Chaudhary Charan Singh but also underscores the ongoing commitment to addressing the challenges faced by farmers and enhancing their livelihoods through sustainable practices and supportive policies.

Student Participation

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, particularly those pursuing:

- **II B.A. Economics (Honours)**
- **II B.A. Rural Development (Honours)**



Additionally, **Thosha**, a student of **II B.A. Political Science**, delivered a compelling speech on the significance of National Farmers Day. Thosha highlighted the role of farmers in shaping the socio-political landscape of the country and emphasized the need for inclusive policies to address their concerns. The speech was well-received and added a unique perspective to the event.

The students actively engaged in discussions and posed insightful questions to the panel, reflecting their keen interest in addressing issues faced by farmers. Their contributions added depth to the discourse, making the event highly interactive and enriching.

Key Discussions

1. **Challenges Faced by Farmers:** The speakers elaborated on the financial, environmental, and policy-related hurdles that farmers encounter, emphasizing the need for targeted interventions.
2. **Role of Technology in Agriculture:** Discussions revolved around modern agricultural practices, the significance of sustainable farming, and the adoption of digital tools to enhance productivity.
3. **Policy Support and Opportunities:** The importance of government schemes, subsidies, and market access was underlined as essential components for empowering the farming community.



Conclusion

National Farmers Day served as a platform to bridge the gap between academia and the agricultural sector. The event underscored the need for collaborative efforts to support farmers and foster rural development. The Department of Economics takes pride in organizing such initiatives that not only educate but also inspire students to contribute meaningfully to society.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by **CH. Sanjeev Kumar**, who expressed gratitude to all participants, guests, and organizers for their invaluable contributions. National Farmers Day proved to be a memorable occasion, reinforcing the commitment of the Department of Economics to fostering awareness and action in support of the agricultural community.

Outcomes for Students on the Occasion of National Farmers' Day

Celebrating National Farmers' Day in educational institutions provides an opportunity to enhance students' awareness of the agricultural sector's importance and foster a sense of responsibility toward supporting farmers and sustainable practices. The outcomes for students can include:

1. Enhanced Awareness of Agriculture's Role

- Understanding the vital role of agriculture in the economy and food security.
- Gaining insights into the challenges faced by farmers, such as climate change, pricing issues, and resource management.

2. Appreciation for Farmers' Contributions

- Recognizing the hard work and dedication of farmers in ensuring a stable food supply.
- Developing respect and gratitude toward the farming community.

3. Exposure to Sustainable Practices

- Learning about sustainable farming techniques and the importance of environmental conservation in agriculture.
- Encouragement to adopt eco-friendly practices in daily life.

4. Inspiration for Innovation and Careers

- Motivating students to innovate in agriculture through technology and research.
- Exploring careers in agriculture, agri-business, and rural development.

5. Civic and Social Responsibility

- Encouraging participation in community programs that support farmers and rural development.
- Developing empathy and a sense of responsibility toward marginalized communities.

6. Skill Development

- Learning basic agricultural practices through hands-on activities like planting trees or maintaining school gardens.
- Building teamwork and organizational skills through events, debates, and cultural activities focused on farming themes.

7. Knowledge of Government Schemes

- Understanding various government initiatives and schemes aimed at farmer welfare, such as PM-KISAN and PMFBY.
- Awareness of how policies impact rural communities and agriculture.