

OBSERVANCE OF “AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DAY” on 3rd December, 2022

Agricultural Education day initiated by Indian Council of Agricultural Research to celebrate the birthday of the first Indian Union Agriculture Minister (1946), Bharat Ratna Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

It is observed on **3rd December** every year. The main aim is to develop interest in agriculture and allied sciences among the school and college students and to choose 'Agriculture' as their professional & research career or engage themselves in farming as Agripreneurs. So, on this occasion, Agricultural Education Day celebrated by School of Agriculture(SOAg) in Gandhi Public school(GPS), GIET University. The events like Essay, Painting & Debate competitions were conducted among the students.

The main objective is to create awareness among students about agriculture education.

On this eve, Essay competition entitled “Agriculture: The backbone of India”, Debate competition on “Agriculture: Then & now” & Poster presentation on “Livelihood support through Integrated Farming System” were carried out & students of GPS actively participated in the programme before one week.

The Welcome address given by Ms. Rashmiprava Moharana in which she highlighted the importance of the day. Then Mr. Ramakanta Biswal, PGT Biology teacher, GPS gave key focus on the various farming system like aeroponics & hydroponics etc. Mr. Kshirod Chandra Sahoo, Asst. Professor told about the livelihood sustenance of people by agriculture. Prof. Hara Prasad Misra highlighted on brief history of the day and encourage students to take agriculture as career prospective. Prof. Kailas Behari Mohapatra gave the holistic view of agriculture sector starting from cultivation to consumption, area & production of important crops. He also emphasized on the production data of Odisha related to our country. Prizes were distributed to the students on this day of celebration. Mr. Subrat Ranjan Pathi, Principal GPS encouraged the students to choose agriculture as career opportunity and also for agripreneur. The meeting came to end with vote of thanks by Dr. Ritesh Mishra.



Fig. 1 Dignitaries on this day



Fig. 2 Welcome address by Ms. Rashmiprava Moharana



Fig. 3 Address by Mr. Ramakanta Biswal



Fig. 4 Address by Mr. K. C. Sahoo



Fig. 5 Address by Prof. H P Misra



Fig. 6 Prize Distribution to Students



Fig. 7 Address by Prof. K B Mohapatra



Fig. 8 Address by Principal GPS