

Guest Talk

'COW ECONOMY'

On 17th March, 2017, a short talk on 'Importance of Cow in the Economy' by Dr. Sheela Taori was scheduled at our institute. Dr. Sheela is one of the well known Educationists and Academicians of India. She has also written few books after a thorough study of our Indian Literature which includes four Vedas, Puranas, etc.



She started the talk by asking a simple question that how many of us do eat Beef. Few students answered that they don't mind eating it as they don't believe in any religion. To this answer, Sheela Mam replied that consuming or not consuming beef has nothing to do with any religion, we just have to think rationally about how important it is to conserve our Cows for a better economy and world.

She then explained that how Cows serve the society with various products having immense qualities and why we call her "Mother Cow" in India. First of all, the cow serves us with 'Milk' which is very important for healthy living. Secondly, other cow products like cow dung have pesticidal qualities and thus can be used in Agricultural activities without any harmful side effects.



Coming back to the discussion on beef consumption, she said that beef is scientifically proven to be harmful for our intestinal system, while the vegetarian food is proved to be the best food for human body. She said that, the movement of 'saying no to beef' is catching up fast in the western culture, while in India, where we consider cow as mother, we still don't understand its importance. She also informed us that India is the No.1 exporter of beef in the world.

Dr. Sheela said that, to overcome big socio-economic problem of poverty in India, we need to focus on two things: 1) Village and Agro Development of which 'cow' is an important part and 2) Health for all, not doctors for all. She focused on these two points because, India being an agrarian economy can employ maximum population if villages are properly developed and also the use of cow products in agriculture can ensure healthy living.

She concluded the session by saying that whatever we are consuming right now is borrowed from our next generation, we must stop doing this and adopt sustainable development by conserving our biodiversity and nature.

The session was really worth attending and made the students think on why we call Cow as "Gow Mata (Mother Cow)"!

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