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From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk



The RVSKVV has embarked on a journey to restore the rightful place for agriculture in the priority list for development of Madhya Pradesh as it contributes to the tune of nearly 22.5% to total GDP of the State (2009-10). How best to utilize the available resources to gear up for innovations is our new strategy and meanwhile not forgetting the three key issues ensuring higher agricultural education, research and extension education.

Indian agriculture had been guided in the past mostly by the pressing and hammering demands for food which could be solved with the concerted efforts of agricultural scientists and the farmers, and with the appropriate financial and policy support of the Government. Present day agriculture is still a very complex activity in which agricultural research, education and extension are complimentary to each other. To meet the food demand of increasing population, agricultural scientists have to safeguard the environment, food and nutritional security on one hand and make the farming a profitable venture on the other hand.

In the changed scenario, in addition to ensuring food and nutrition security, agricultural development in the future would also be guided by profitability, competitiveness and efficiency in agricultural production as well as by the export. The research strategy in future must lay greater emphasis on sustainability and profitability, increase input use efficiency, diversification, use of bio-resources, post harvest management, value addition and ensuring quality. Availability of Human Resource, especially in high technology areas and linkages among the institutions, industries and export houses for resource efficiency and quality are of high priority in the present context. It requires management approach to on-farm as well as off-farm operations. The appropriate management approach will induce quality changes in agriculture. And, hence agribusiness promises to be the next sunrise sector for India.

I hope that by upgrading the facilities for academic, research and transfer of technology, the state will be able to achieve the status of being the leading Agriculture state of India and farmers will be able to earn more and compete in the international market. These efforts will ensure economic prosperity, ecological sustainability and nutritional security in Madhya Pradesh.

Taking rapid strides to keep pace with the country's march towards sustainable agriculture, the university keeps looking over our shoulders to make sure that the farmer is not left behind. All our endeavors are meant to converge at a single point of benefitting farmers. The University is working with the motto of providing services to each and every farmer under the canopy of its broad range of activities.

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