

# BUDGET 2023-2024

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A discussion on Agriculture development in Budget 2023-2024 was organized by DD India on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 at Tower B, Doordarshan Bhawan, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi. It was hosted by journalist Anju Singh and the speakers for this event were Dr. Krishan Bir Chaudhary, Dr. Raghav Jadli, Dr. Shankar Goenka, Mr. Pratap Singh, Mrs. Pooja Sharma, Mr. Rajneesh Pandey, and Mr. Suraj Singh Rathi. The students of Aryabhata College and Delhi School of Economics were invited as the audience.



The discussion started with Miss Anju Singh listing all the main points from the Budget to appreciating PM Narendra Modi's determination in truly

celebrating this year as International Millet Year. Proceeding further, Dr. Krishan Bir Chaudhary, who is the National President of the Bhartiya Krishak Samaj explained how the new improved Budget will help farmers adopt advanced farming techniques and thus, get good output. He also briefed on promoting startups to reduce unemployment and going digital for estimating the environmental conditions and establishing better connectivity. After this, Dr. Raghav Jaldi

who is a food technologist detailed on the importance of Food Processing and Logistics Management in agriculture.

Further, Dr. Shankar Goenka introduced us to “Drones in Agriculture” and how it will help in decreasing the input cost and yet be able to achieve better and improved production of crops.

Seeing the curiosity among the audience, Miss Anju Singh gave them a chance to speak to the guests, but she had to proceed due to some technical issues. Mr. Pratap Singh joined us through the online platform and told us about the Kisan Digital Public Infrastructure. After this, a short break of 5min. was taken and Mr. Rajneesh Pandey joined us.

To fully understand how millets can be used in making various products, we were introduced to Mrs. Pooja Sharma, who has worked in this field for a few years. She briefed us on how the business operates from millet’s production and extraction to its marketing and sales. Abhinav Jain, a student at Aryabhata College raised his concerns about the network connectivity issues which are still experienced in rural areas. To answer his concerns, Dr. Krishan Bir Chaudhary explained various steps taken by the government to solve network connectivity issues in rural areas. Mr. Suraj Singh Rathi who is a farmer himself appreciated the steps taken by the government and how it has also helped his community of farmers. Another concern was raised by Neha Dev, a student at the Delhi School of Economics, regarding risk management. To assure her, Dr. Krishan Bir Chaudhary spoke on various initiatives by the Government of India. The discussion ended with Mr. Rajneesh Pandey, an experienced Chief Marketing manager in the Fertilization sector,

discussing the importance of Nano Urea in agriculture. It was a unique experience for the students and their elated faces showed satisfaction with the new clauses introduced in the Budget 2023-2024 regarding agricultural development in India.



## **List of Student Contingent**

1. Abhinav Jain
2. Taru Sharma
3. Udit Kumar Ekka
4. Anjali Kamari
5. Gaurang kumar
6. Shashank Aggarwal
7. Ashna Gupta
8. Aayushmaan Goel
9. Ananya Sharan