## **Equinox 2021: The Annual International Conference**

"Sustainable Agriculture: Negotiating Tradition and Modernity"

Centre for Research, Maitreyi College, University of Delhi

August 12-14, 2021

Centre for Research, Maitreyi College, University of Delhi organized **Equinox 2021**, the Annual International Conference, virtually, under the aegis of *Vantage: Journal of Thematic Analysis* on the theme, "Sustainable Agriculture: Negotiating Tradition and Modernity" from **August 12-14**, **2021**. Prof. Haritma Chopra was the coordinator of the conference and Dr. Gopi Devdutt Tripathy, Department of Sociology, Dr. Brototi Roy, and Dr. Meena Yadav, Department of Zoology, Maitreyi College were the convenors.

With agriculture providing employment to seventy percent of India's population and the global focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as reducing poverty and inequality, restoring the ecological balance, and harmony between nature and mankind, a strong agricultural sector is very crucial to meet the SDGs. The conference addressed some of the major concerns in this area which are especially relevant for India as we celebrate the **75th year of our Independence**. It engaged with the relationship between traditional and modern agricultural practices with a focus on sustainable agriculture that entails socially acceptable, economically viable and ecologically sensitive practices.

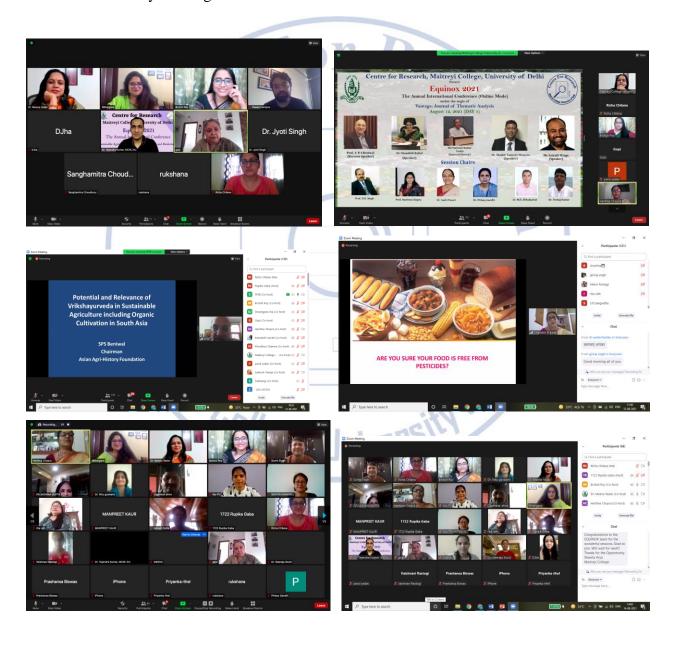
The conference included talks by eminent speakers such as Prof. S.P.S Beniwal (Chairman, Agri History Foundation), Dr Chandish Ballal (Former Director ICAR-NBAIR), Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Hossain (Ambassador, IFOAM Organic International and ALGOA, Tokyo, Japan),

Dr Debojyoti Das (Lecturer and Global Research Associate, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, UK), Prof. Savyasaachi (Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia), Prof. A.R Vasavi (Independent Scholar and Secretary, Punarchith Collective, Karnataka), Prof. G.K Garg (G.B Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar) and Dr. Nitu Goswami (University of British Columbia, Canada). In addition to theoretical engagements, there were fascinating perspectives from the field such as that of Mr. Satyajit Hange (Co-Founding Farmers, Two Brothers Organic Farm) who will talk about his interesting journey from being a banker to an organic farmer with customers from all across the globe. Faculty members and student

participants from all across the globe presented papers on several pertinent themes such as organic agricultural practices, social issues related to sustainable agriculture, innovative technologies in agriculture etc.

The Chief Guest of the Valedictory session, Prof Askok Kumar Prasad, Dean of Faculty of Sciences praised the excellent conceptualization and execution of the International Conference.

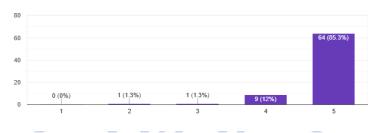
**185 registered participants** attended the conference along with many students and Faculty members of Maitreyi College.



## **Feedback Analysis**

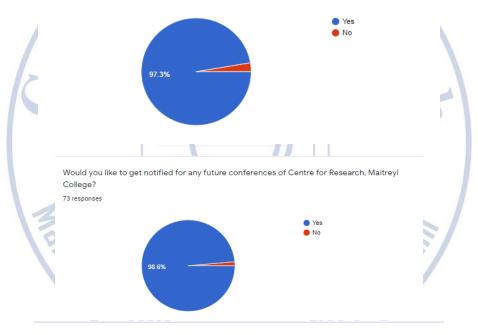


75 responses



Was the conference useful to you?

75 responses



How would you rate the interactivity and insightfulness of the conference?

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