

One-Day National Workshop on

“Climate, Shocks, Insurance Adoption and Farmers’ Welfare in Select Areas of Eastern India: Assessing the Impact of PMFBY on Farm Productivity”

Date: 19 February 2024 **Venue:** Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur



Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, organized a one-day national workshop on *“Climate, Shocks, Insurance Adoption and Farmers’ Welfare in Select Areas of Eastern India: Assessing the Impact of PMFBY on Farm Productivity”* on 19th February 2024. The workshop aimed to deepen the understanding of climate-induced agricultural risks, adoption of crop insurance, and the role of PMFBY in enhancing farmers’ resilience and productivity. Eminent academicians, researchers, and practitioners participated in the deliberations.

The workshop opened with an inaugural session attended by esteemed dignitaries. The Chief Guest, **Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal**, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, stressed the necessity of strong risk-mitigation measures amid rising climate uncertainties. Special Guests **Prof. Manish Srivastava**, Registrar, pointed to key administrative and policy challenges in PMFBY implementation, while **Prof. Praveen Kumar Mishra**, Dean, Social Sciences, highlighted the role of interdisciplinary research in resolving agrarian distress. Their collective insights set a forward-looking tone for the workshop’s deliberations on climate resilience and farmers’ welfare.

The technical sessions included enriching presentations by leading experts. **Prof. Mrutyunjay Mishra** examined farmers’ risk perceptions and insurance adoption behaviour, while **Dr. A. Amrendra Reddy** provided scientific insights on biotic stress and crop losses in relation to PMFBY. **Prof. S. K. Mishra** discussed regional variations in climate shocks, and **Shri Jagdish Pradhan** highlighted grassroots realities of farmer vulnerability. **Prof. Sarbanarayan Mishra** emphasized climate-smart technologies and their role in resilience. Collectively, the sessions offered a holistic understanding of integrating insurance, science, and socio-economic perspectives to improve farm productivity.

The most significant highlight of the workshop was the keynote lecture delivered by **Prof. Mamata Swain**, an eminent academician in agricultural economics. Her address provided a rigorous analytical perspective on the impact of PMFBY on farm productivity, emphasizing empirical findings,

implementation gaps, and policy recommendations to strengthen farmers' welfare in Eastern India. Her lecture enriched the participants' understanding and paved the way for future research collaborations.

The workshop was smoothly coordinated under the guidance of **Prof. Chittaranjan Nayak** (Project Coordinator), **Dr. Namita Sharma**, and **Dr. Rajkumar Nagawanshee** (Project Directors), ensuring active participation throughout the event.

The workshop concluded with a brief certificate distribution and felicitation ceremony, where participants, speakers, and coordinators were honoured for their valuable contributions. Certificates were presented to attendees in recognition of their active engagement, while distinguished resource persons and organizers were felicitated for their insightful inputs and dedicated efforts. The session added a formal and appreciative closure to the day's proceedings.