**Proceedings of the Demonetization awareness programme held at**

**Dr. B.S. K.K.V. Dapoli on 15/12/2016 by ISASaT**

An awareness programme was organized by ISASaT on “Demonetization and its effect on Agriculture and moving towards a cashless future,” on 15th Dec. 2016 at the Swaminathan hall of the university.

The programme included a talk delivered by Dr. J.M. Talathi, Head of Deptt. Agril. Economics on “Demonetization and its repercussions on Agriculture,” which took an account of the effect of demonetization with specially referring to its impact on Agriculture. The speaker emphasized the need of demonetization as India is a huge economy and its 13% GDP of 16.5 Lakh Crores is in circulation. This is quite high when compared to developed countries where the percentage is in between 4 to 7 %. The recent incentives announced by the Government of India for cashless transactions were also highlighted in the talk.

A thorough discussion was held as the audience had lot of questions which was diverse from employee to students. This programme helped to clear all their doubts. Dr. Tapas Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor & President of ISASaT himself took the lead in organizing this programme so as to churn the thought process and misconceptions if any in the minds of the people in general. Very effective and thought provoking discussions helped make the programme lively. Shri Swarnaka SBI Dapoli Branch Manager answered many doubts related to banking. He also explained the various policies of the Government and measures the bank is taking to tackle the situation.

Shri A.S. Pawar, Comptroller, Dr.BSKKV, Dapoli was the second speaker who explained the role of University in handling the situation after demonetization. The University has taken many steps to move towards cashless transactions. All transactions by the staff, students, contractors, firms above Rs. 5000/- will be cashless. Very soon swipe machines will be purchased at all the colleges and research stations wherever cash transactions take place. The University very soon will enter with an understanding with SBI collect and make it compulsory for students to pay their fees online. All necessary steps will soon be taken as a cashless University.

To give representation to a co-operative bank, Shri. S.K.Pulekar, Inspector from Ratnagiri District Co-operative Bank, Dapoli was also invited to express his views and difficulties they encounter if any especially for the farmers. He did explain the role of his bank and expressed that the DCC bank will also encourage the transactions online and cashless to the maximum possible extent.

In his Presidential remarks, Dr. Tapas Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor, was of the opinion that when a new scheme which affects each and every one does have teething problems at the initial stages. But in the long run its benefits are very huge so it is the need of the hour to support this huge demonetization programme and also move towards a cashless future. The awareness programme was slated for an hour but it extended for more than two and half hours shows how successful the programme was. The President urged to arrange many more such programmes in future not only on this issue but even all other important issues.

A total of 200 students, employees and farmers participated in the programme which was attended by all the Senior Officers of the University and evoked a very strong response. The programme was compered by Dr. N.B.Gokhale, Secretary ISASaT and the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Vinayak Patil, Technical Officer to Vice Chancellor, Dr. B.S. K.K.V. Dapoli