

## **A report of International seminar on “Global Terrorism” held at Bangalore on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2009. GKVK, University of Agriculture Sciences (UAS), organized by World Organization of Students and Youth (WOSY)**

International seminar on “Global Terrorism” was inaugurated on 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 in the Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) – University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore. 142 delegates from 31 countries, (which include 30 girls) and 5 continents participated in the seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Lt. Gen. S. K. Sinha, former governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Assam. In the Inaugural remarks, Lt. Gen. S. K. Sinha deliberated in detail about the history and evolution, causes and consequences of global terrorism and he gave a call to delegates to keep themselves away from being indoctrinated by religious and ideological preaching of hatred. Ramesh Pappa, international Secretary General, WOSY, gave his introductory remark, wherein he briefed the assembly about the vision and mission of WOSY. He told the delegates that, WOSY believes on a common premise of having “Vasudaiva Kutumbakam” meaning world is one family and he emphasized that on this framework WOSY is attempting to offer a platform for the students and youth of the world where they come together, meet each other, express their frank opinion and ideas, exchange thoughts and build consensus on the issues that disturb humanity in total today. He said that only such meetings among youth could result in global peace and civilization harmony. Sri. Sushil Pandit, international Chairman, WOSY, gave an overview of faith terrorism and role of religion in building such terrorism, and how to handle it. He said that the seminar is a beginning to discover an answer to such questions. Latter Dr. Chengappa, VC, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore, gave is presidential remark, wherein he said terrorism threatens formers, agriculture and food security.

The first session of the seminar was titled “ **Geo-political framework and role of ideologies in shaping terrorism**” and was addressed by Commodore P. K. Viswanathan, VSM, who explained the assembly about state sponsored,

non state sponsored terrorism, kinds of terrorism and its manifestations across the globe. He concluded that no country in the world could be free of terror as some or the other neighbor attacks them with terror.

The second session of the seminar was titled “Arts and Science of Terrorism” wherein Col. T. N. C. Vijayasarithi, VSM, explained the means in which youth are brainwashed and what strategies they use to create a psychological fear amongst the people. He said that only love can handle such issues but not hatred. Later in the evening, there was a cultural event by Kum. Shreya Dinakar, who performed Bharata Natyam, Sri and Smt. Manjunath Hirematt performed the Magic show followed by a Mongolian dance.

On the second day of the seminar i.e., 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009, the first session started with an Introduction by Sri. Sushil Pandit on the issues related to role of state, human rights and media in combating terrorism. Later delegate discussed in detail on the aforesaid three issues in separate three groups for about 40 minutes. Leader of each group Habitamv Azezew (Ethopia), Miss Marta (Poland) and Muwafaq (Iraq) summarized the discussion to the assembly followed by remarks by Prof. R. L. M. Patil, chairman of the session. Chairman of the session, Prof. Patil, concluded by stating that state must have greater control over the order of the state. He emphasized the fact that the state must not allow religious and ideological outfits to take control over the order of the state. He also said that media must behave responsible and human right arguments must be fair to all human beings. He echoed the opinion of the discussants and gave a call to the students on developing sensible perception and comprehension in understanding the act of terror. He concluded the session by saying that the terrorism is a new challenge faced by the globalized world and we must discover new solutions to new challenges.

The last technical session was about the role of youth in combating the act of terrorism. During the session, Sri. B. Surendran, joint national organizing secretary, ABVP, gave rational and objective solutions to youth by an open call by saying that youth must not participate in religious and ideological extremism, youth must develop patriotism towards their respective nations, oppose violence and develop abilities to discriminate the differences between

social issues and terrorism. Later Dr. Nirmala, Mahacharya from Paramahansa Nityananda Dhyana Peetam gave a call to delegates to quest one's own self, develop peace within oneself wherein a collective conscious of the world could be generated to keep the world in peace. She explained in detail that revolution and revenge cannot eradicate terror. After the session 35 minutes meditation was carried out to pray for global peace.

Later, the discussions were held regarding the silver jubilee conference of WOSY to be held in the year 2010, on the eve of 25<sup>th</sup> year travel of WOSY as a platform to global youth community. **The new Central Council of WOSY with Sh.Dattatrey Hosabale, Prof.RajKumar Bhatia, Sh.Sunil Ambekar and Sh.Ramesh Pappa as members of advisory council and Sri. Sushil Pandit, International Chairman , Sri. M. S. Chaitra, International Secretary General of WOSY along with a total membership of 47 members comprising of 19 countries was also declared on this occasion.** At the end of the session delegates expressed their opinion about the seminar and future programmes of WOSY.

At 5:00 PM on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009, the valedictory of the seminar was held in GKVK, UAS Campus, Bangalore. In the session, Sri. Deepak Adhikari, National organizing secretary, Pragnik Vidyarthi Parishad, Nepal gave the report of the international seminar on "global Terrorism". Sri. Sushil Pandit introduced assembly about a very important occasion wherein Sri. Aniketh Kale, Gen Secretary, Pune chapter WOSY, had marked the history by becoming the first fulltime worker of WOSY. He also appointed Sri. Vinay Chandra as general secretary of WOSY Bangalore Chapter. **Sri. Ajith Doval, Former, IB chief, and security advisor, Govt of Karnataka and Sh.Sunil Ambekar, ABVP all India organizing secretary, were the main speakers in the valedictory session.** Sh.Ajith Doval delivered his valedictory remarks where he emphasized the fact that one need not be scared of terror because of deaths but because of challenges it offers to humanity. He strongly concluded that the Muslim communities must strongly respond against the radical and Jihadist versions of terrorist outfits. Sri. Sunil Ambekar in his address stated series of examples of people participation in mass to combat terrorism and appealed all the student and youth mass to be

**united against the ill of terror. Sri. Sunil Pandit concluded the seminar by stating the fact that, the optimism in combating the act of terror comes from gatherings and seminar like the present one wherein youth from different corner of the world gather together with large disagreements, frank opinions and open minds. He said this seminar is a beginning to start our initiative to combating the terrorism.**

**After the valediction of the seminar, the newly formed International central council had a meeting on taking the decisions on various issues of the future activities of the WOSY, which was attended by 40 members and invitees. It was concluded in the meeting that the next meeting of central council WOSY will meet on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of July in Pune. The probable themes and venues for 2010 silver Jubilee conference of WOSY were discussed in the meeting.**

***The list of countries participated in the Seminar***

1. Sri Lanka
2. Bangladesh
3. Bhutan
4. Laos
5. Nepal
6. Vietnam
7. Afghanistan
8. Iran
9. Iraq
10. Tajhakistan
11. Mauritius
12. Fiji

13. Austria
14. Tibet
15. Newziland
16. Uganda
17. Sudan
18. India
19. China
20. Syria
21. Ghana
22. Mongolia
23. South Korea
24. Ethiopia
25. Poland
26. USA
27. Kenya
28. Ivory Coast
29. Djebuti
30. Yemen
31. Uzbekistan

