



**Visit of Prof. Bromley
to
Rathindra Krishi Vigyan
Kendra**

**Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra
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Prof. Ray Bromley, Vice Provost for International Education of the State University of New York, University at Albany Campus, Albany, New York, USA visited the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra on the 9th. January, 2015 along with Prof. Debabrata Dasgupta, Former Vice-Chancellor of the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, Nadia and a group of Research Scholars of various regions of this country at 10.00 AM.

Prof. Bromley made a detailed visit of the sprawling Campus of Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra along with other dignitaries. Then he held a very lively conversation with the staff of the Rathindra KVK at the Seminar Hall of the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra. He inquired about the nitty-gritty of the modus operandi of the Rathindra KVK as well as the uniqueness of the concept of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras as a whole.

This conversation was illuminated with a lively speech of Prof. Debabrata Dasgupta on the various aspects of Gurudev Rabindranat Tagore's life and his connection with the Rural Reconstruction efforts. Prof. Dasgupta also pin pointed the philosophical Gurudev's vision of "Rural Reconstruction" and its difference from the concept of the concept of "Rural Development". Prof. Dasgupta also rightly mentioned that the fact the ultimate fruit of Gurudev Rabindranath's Sriniketan Experiment is now this KVK named after his elder son Rathindra Nath Tagore. His speech was preceded by a detailed reporting of the genesis, mandate, objectives and recent activities of the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra with a series of Power Point presentations along with a lively and brisk narrative by the Programme Coordinator of this Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dr. Dulal Chandra Manna.

When the turn came for Prof. Bromley to speak something, he was full of enthusiasm and energy to speak about the place he was visiting. He mentioned that he was given a long leave from his University to go through the details of the philosophical basics of the various Rural Reconstruction works around the globe viz. Sriniketan, Marathandam, China before Maosists came to power, then Taiwan, Philippines etc. He was fascinated by the multi-diagonal and multi-tudinal aspects of Gurudev's genius illuminated from Prof. Dasgupata's speech. Prof. Bromley rightly mentioned that every indigenous community has its own unique vitality in the form of agriculture, other economic activities, values, customs, folk cultures, other aspects of life. Only it should be revitalized through Rural

Reconstruction efforts urge coming from the rural society itself not an alien outward benevolence. He repeatedly noted that this part of Globe rich in heritage is fascinating and he will come to India as well as in Sriniketan time and again to pursue his academic interests. Prof. Bromley was overwhelmed by this Krishi Vigyan Kendra and the warmth it showed to him. His visit came to an end at 12.00 noon.

Prof. Bromley penned his remarks on the Visitors' Book of the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra as **"CONGRATULATION ON ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU DO, PROMOTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOSTERING GURUDEV TAGORE'S VISION OF RURAL RECONSTRUCTION"**.

Prof. Ray Bromley along with Prof. Debabrata Dasgupta going though the Details of the Works being done by the Rathindra KVK being shown by the Programme Coordinator, Rathindra KVK, Dr. Dulal Chandra Manna



Prof. Ray Bromley penning his Remarks on the Works done by the Rathindra KVK



Prof. Ray Bromley along with Prof. Debabrata Dasgupta in a lively conversation with the Staff of the Rathindra KVK



Prof. Ray Bromley along with Dr. Dulal Chandra Manna and other Staff of the Rathindra KVK visiting various Demonstrations Units of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra



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