

National Seminar
Ten years of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Joyana and Microfinance
26th & 27th March, 2010

Despite the efforts undertaken over the past several decades, rural poverty in India continues to remain significant. Most important self employment programme was IRDP. In April, 1999 a new programme known as Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Joyana (SGSY) was launched. This new programme was a direct outcome of the world wide growing attention over micro-credit or micro-finance.

Since the introduction of the government programme of SGSY in 1999, in line with the world wide programme of micro-credit/microfinance, ten years have passed. Large number of SHGs has been formed even in the remote villages in our country. Huge amounts of deposits have been created through these groups. Several groups have started income generating activities. Federations of these SHGs have a strong base for development of the rural poor. On the other side there are several areas where we have failed to promote these SHGs, areas where already formed SHGs have become non-functional and areas where SHGs have disintegrated. Central Government has taken the decision to replace the SGSY by a new programme from this year.

Sub-themes of the seminar—

- 1) Impact of SGSY on the removal of rural poverty.
- 2) Microfinance as an institution solution to the problem of rural credit.
- 3) SHGs and Women Empowerment.
- 4) Role of NGO-Vs- Government / Panchayat Vs private Institutions in promoting SHGs and microfinance institutions.
- 5) Microfinance programme as a way of promoting market led growth of the poor rural economy.
- 6) SHGs and Social Development.

Papers are invited from the academicians and field level personnels—

Last date of Abstract Submission (only in soft copy)- ----**18-03-2010** via email-ID-*ruraldevelopment.visvabharati@gmail.com*

Letters of acceptance of the paper will be communicated through email. Those who require signed acceptance letter have to submit abstract before **15-03-2010**.

Season is spring and atmosphere during march end is pleasant.