



Reflection on Livelihood:

Action Oriented Dharma

Dr. DC Patra

24th June 2020

CONTACT

PHONE:
9820132213

WEBSITE:
www.srisrithakuranukulchandra.com

Download "Sri Sri Thakur" app
from 'App Store' and 'Google
Playstore'

EMAIL:
drdcpatra@gmail.com

Reflection on Livelihood: Action Oriented Dharma

We are passing through a watershed time. The time is hard to live-in and future will be distinctly different from the past. Collective initiatives during this time call for action on health and livelihood. This article is a reflection on livelihood, primarily centered on dedicated activities of Sri Sri Thakur's disciples.

Large segment of Sri Sri Thakur's devotees, as representative mass of our society, live on small income. This segment largely lives on agriculture, animal husbandry, trading and service industries. These occupations are mostly in unorganized sector, devoid of job security and families are exposed to all kinds of risks. During this time of pandemic and natural calamities, when overall economy is turning to depression, large segment of these families are facing situations where existential issues have come under stress.

When situation around is threatened by change, uncertainty and insecurity, Satsang leaders, at all levels, are expected to provide service, guidance and care. Following areas of local level initiatives may be undertaken:

1. Find employment opportunities for families. Avail whatever offerings are being provided by State through various schemes. Also seek and explore profitable engagement opportunities outside government schemes.
2. This is the time to turn to entrepreneurship. Find vocational opportunities based on local possibilities. All such initiatives ought to avail bank credit and government assistance. Satsang leaders should use their contacts and resources to facilitate these enabling supports.
3. While setting up business and manufacturing activities, please give attention to technology and scale. Expertise available within Satsang groups should be tapped. Satsang is a large community, spread all over the world and today people are connected through technology.
4. Make use of swastyayani surplus funds to build assets, following the principles of Sri Sri Thakur. Satsang leaders may make groups for collective swastyayani funds and joint ownership of assets. Translate the economic principles behind the fifth

Reprint from *Proggapan*
(Bengali) e-magazine, maiden
issue, 23. 06. 2020, Vol.I, No. 1

principle of Swastyayani *vrat* to projects, by following
the principles of swastyayani estates.

The power of Satsang fraternity, the energy of love and
service, may be used in practical sense for the wellbeing of
people.

This package of initiatives are not short term relief and
rehabilitation activities. Here the focus is on sustainability,
scale and security. Such initiatives by nature and by design
has to be local and within the radius of physical connectivity.
Sri Sri Thakur's model of community development through
industries, demonstrated at Himaitpur and the process of
self-supported resettlement, after coming to Deoghar may
be taken as examples of sustainable development.

Time has come for real service and demonstrated love; to
take care of survival and welfare of *satsangee* brothers and
families in the true sense of existentialism.

18.06.2020 -----