



А Value Added Certificate Course on "Soil Testing and Water Analysis" has been launched by the Department of Geography at Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Government Arts and Commerce College, Indore. The course is being offered to the postgraduate students of the college under the aegis of IQAC. The course commenced on April 4, 2024, in the Kalam Hall of the college. Principal Dr. Prakash Garg gave his best wishes to everyone present at

the inaugural session of the course and mentioned that the course would help not only with agriculture but also with the establishment of industries in the concerned region.

It would undoubtedly provide the students with new avenues for learning and career chances in the indicated subject. Dr. Usha Jain, the NAAC Coordinator, expressed that the college badly needed to provide these kinds of educational opportunities for the advancement of the students' overall growth. Dr. Namita Katju, an IQAC member, also extended her greetings and stated that the Postgraduate students at the college will surely gain new knowledge and develop their skills through this course. Course Coordinator Dr. Venu Trivedi, Professor and Head, Department of Geography, welcomed everyone and provided insight into the interpretation, purpose, significance and the need of the value added courses under the new education policy. It's an activity that goes beyond what post-graduate students are taught in the classroom.

Water and soil are the two natural resources and elements of the environment. We urgently need to analyze these valuable components because only 0.269% of the water is available as fresh water to us on our planet Earth. The amount of agricultural land is decreasing daily due to unchecked urbanization, rapid population growth, and so-called development. Thus, it is important that their quality be checked timely for the conservation. According to Dr.Trivedi, this course will not only develop the skills but it will also be helpful in increasing the possibilities and potentialities of the employment.

Note that the aforementioned value-added course is of 30 hours duration in accordance with UGC and NAAC guidelines. For that reason, this course is especially created to last for 15 days, with the duration of two hours on each day. The theoretical and experimental work is going on under the guidance of the Faculty members of Geography along with expertise in the related fields. The inaugural session was conducted by Dr. Pragati Bhokardankar professor of Geography department and vote of thanks extended by Mrs. Leena Bele assistant professor of geography department.











