



**Report of Kisan Gosthi in Bhakamau Village “Goat Based Integrated Farming System:
Advanced Source of Farmers Income”**

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The Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) organized a Kisan Goshthi on **26th April, 2025** in Bhakamau Village, Tehsil BKT, District Lucknow with an aim to promote sustainable agricultural practices and enhance farmers' income through goat based integrated farming system. The goshti was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Director, IIAST and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture and coordinated by Faculty Coordinators Dr. Deepti Srivastava, Dr. Pankaj Kumar Gupta and Dr. Srishti Thakur.

The objective of the goshti was to educate farmers and students about the benefits of Goat Based Integrated Farming Systems as a sustainable and income-enhancing agricultural practice. It aimed to promote diversification in farming through the integration of livestock with crop production. The program also sought to build awareness about scientific goat rearing techniques and market opportunities for rural upliftment.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Gupta focused on the integration aspect, demonstrating how goats can be effectively incorporated into a mixed farming system with crops, poultry, and horticulture to create a balanced and eco-friendly farm ecosystem. He also discussed nutrient recycling, the role of goat manure in enhancing soil fertility, nutrition and low-cost housing management. He emphasized the role of goats as a low-investment, high-return livestock option, especially in rainfed and resource-poor areas. Dr. Srishti Thakur emphasized the economic benefits and marketing opportunities associated with goat-based integrated farming. She presented case studies and success stories of farmers who have significantly increased their income through this model. Dr. Deepti Srivastava concluded the goshti by expressing heartfelt gratitude to all the farmers for their active participation. She thanked them sincerely for devoting their valuable time to the session.

The program brought together 14 students and 21 farmers from Bhakhamau village, creating a collaborative environment for knowledge exchange. The goshti also included interactive sessions where farmers shared their experiences and sought guidance from the resource persons. Students had the opportunity to engage in discussions and understand real-world challenges faced by rural farmers. The program concluded with a commitment to encourage integrated farming models as a viable and advanced strategy for income enhancement and rural development, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.

Glimpses of the Event





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