

## **Brief report on Kisan Pathshala**

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Kisan Pathshala also popularly known as Million Farmers School, is an extension programme initiated by the government of UP in 2017 with a view to encouraging the use of modern farming techniques, to make farming more profitable, sustainable, and resilient. Unlike traditional extension services, Kisan Pathshala integrates various facets of Agricultural knowledge into a packaged format and delivers it through village-level training and dissemination of knowledge to the farmers. Keeping the above objective in mind, a Kisan Pathshala was organized by the Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022 to sensitize the natives of the Village Achramau of Tehsil Bakshi ka Talab

The Programme was observed under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Science and Technology and Dr. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IIAST. The faculty coordinators Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Mustafa Hussain and Ms. Akanksha Singh along with supporting staff, Syed Faisal Kirmani and Suraj Awasthi accompanied the experts and students of B.Sc (Hons.)Agriculture II Year and III Year to Mega Academy, where the Pathshala was organized. The farmers of village Achramau and other nearby villages attended the Pathshala. The information regarding Integrated Pest Management and Value Addition of vegetable and fruit crops of Kharif season was successfully imparted to farmers by the experts of IIAST. Dr. Salman Ahmad, Assistant Professor, IIAST, successfully disseminated information about preventing and monitoring of major pests of vegetable crops and also gave information regarding proper time, dose and methods of application of pesticides and discussed the cultural and biological methods of pest management .Dr.Md. Abu Nayyer, Assistant Professor, IIAST addressed on the topic, Value addition of vegetable crops and explained about easy storage, processing and marketing of value-added products. Mr. Anupam Singh and Mr.Ahmad Shahnewaz gave interesting and valuable information to farmers regarding new techniques of IPM and value addition in fruit crops. The interaction and communication approach of experts of Kisan Pathshala was impressive with natives of villages who were inquisitive and flooded the session with queries.

A beautiful Nukkad Natak was also performed by the students of B.Sc (Hons.)Agriculture II Year and III Year depicting the condition of farmers and the role of agriculture policies. The message was to respect the hard work of Annadata. The Pathshala was concluded after taking the Feedback of farmers for assessing their level of satisfaction, which revealed that the majority of farmers attending the Kisan Pathshala were highly satisfied with the way Pathshala was organized and the quality of content which was delivered.

## Glimpses of Kisan Pathshala

