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Brief report on Kisan Goshti organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST on "Post Harvest Management and Value Addition of Potato Crop"

Post-harvest management and value-addition is integral part of Agricultural production for reduction in post-harvest losses, meeting consumer requirements, preserving nutritional quality, optimizing the utilization of by-products and creating employment opportunities. To educate the farmers about these aspects, the Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) organized a Kisan Goshthi on 02nd December 2023 to enlighten the farmers of the Dasauli Village on "Post Harvest Management and Value Addition of Potato Crop" which is also promoted by the Government under the scheme Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR).

The Gosthi was observed under the guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Director, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IIAST. The faculty members Er. Uday Veer Singh and Dr. Shipra Yadav along with supporting staff, Mr. Mued and Mr. Sharad Kumar accompanied students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture to Dasauli Village. Er. Uday Veer Singh, Assistant Professor, discussed Post harvest management techniques to improve self-life of the agricultural produce and emphasized on spectrum of topics ranging from efficient harvesting techniques to advanced value addition methods. Dr. Shipra Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, IIAST delivered information on proper handling methods and strategies for efficient and cost-effective transportation of agricultural products as well as continuity in supply chain. The initiative contributes to achieving global food security goals which resonates with SDG 2 (Zero Hunger). The farmers of Dasauli actively engaged in interactive sessions with Agricultural experts during the Kisan Goshthi.

The event yielded successful outcomes, evident from the positive feedback received from the farmers. Farmers from Dasauli Village expressed satisfaction with the event, citing valuable insights into post-harvest techniques and efficient agricultural practices. The interactive sessions facilitated a productive exchange of knowledge, enhancing farmers' understanding of the importance of post-harvest management.



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Glimpses of Kisan Goshti







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