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### Brief report on one day Training Program for Women of Bhagatpurwa Village on natural farming organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST, on the occasion of International Women's day

“Training Program for Women of Bhagatpurwa Village on Natural Farming”

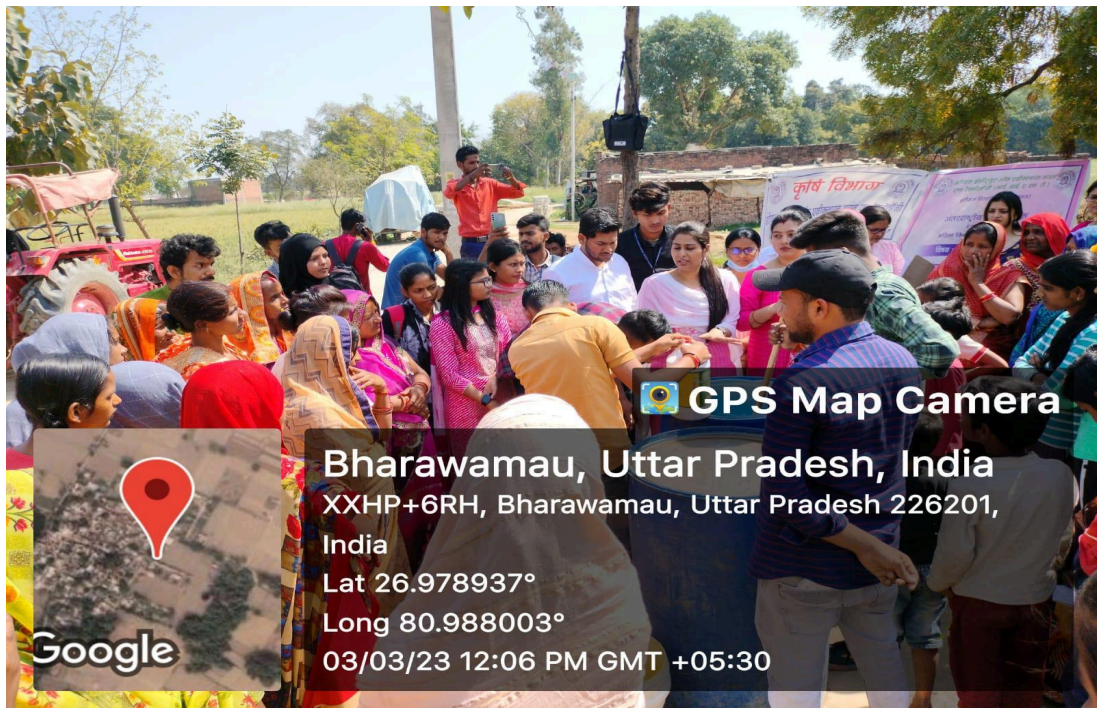
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As the FAO reports, if women farmers gain access to the same resources as their male counterparts, the entire world will eat. Being a developing country as India, Agriculture employs about 80 percent of rural women. Empowering and mainstreaming rural women workforce in agriculture can bring paradigm shift towards economic growth. It will enhance food and nutrition security and alleviate poverty and hunger. Thus in order to promote and ensure their contribution to the Indian society, the Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST), Integral University Lucknow organized one day Training Program on 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, on the occasion of International Women's day, to sensitize the women farmers of the Bhagatpurwa Village regarding Natural Farming under the concept “ **Prakrutik kheti: Unnat kheti**”. Important information was imparted on Preparation of Jeevamrit, Beejamrit and other important aspects related to natural farming and sustainable agriculture.

The Programme was observed under the guidance of Dr. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (IIAST). The faculty coordinators Dr. Shipra Yadav along with supporting staff Mr. Dheer Pratap Singh, Mr. Syed Faisal Kirmani, Mr. Suraj Awasthi and Mr. Abhijeet accompanied the students of B.Sc (Hons.)Agriculture to Bhagatpurwa Village, where the training was organized. Since the training program focussed on motto of “**By the women, For the women**”, all the female faculty members of the department where Dr. Faria Fatima, Dr. Mala Kumari, Dr Srishti Thakur, Dr.Setu Ratnam, Dr. Akanksha Singh, Dr. Garima Singh, Dr. Ruqaiya Bano and Dr. Pallavi Srivastava participated in the program with full enthusiasm and gave their valuable contribution for the success of the program. The essence of natural farming as well the procedure of preparation, were explained by Dr. Shipra Yadav and Dr Garima Singh. The procedure for preparation were demonstrated by the students of B.Sc. (Hons.)Agriculture 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The Women farmers of village Bhagatpurwa and nearby villages attended the Training Program with great zeal and interest. Their queries were addressed by Dr. Shipra Yadav and their attentiveness regarding the Preparation of I and *Beejamrit* were commendable.

The Training Programme was concluded with a positive gratification and vote of thanks by Dr. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture and she appreciated the efforts put forth by the faculties, students and primarily the women farmers. Later feedbacks were taken from the women farmers for assessing their level of understanding and satisfaction about the Natural Farming concept, which revealed that majority of the women attending the Programme was highly satisfied with the way Training Program was organized and the quality of contents which were delivered.

Glimpses of the training program





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