

Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) Integral University, Lucknow

Brief Report on Educational Visit of Students of B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture to Farmers Fair, CSIR-CIMAP Lucknow on 31 January 2019

One day educational visit to farmers fair was organized by the Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) on 31 January 2019 for the students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, to give an insight to students regarding latest innovative ideas, new technologies and best practices available in the field of agriculture and allied sectors and to provide them with a single platform for interaction with farmers from different regions of the country as well as various scientists and agricultural experts.

The faculty coordinators Dr. P Smriti Rao, Dr. P.N. Verma, Dr. Satish Yadav and Dr. Ayush Bhushan accompanied the students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture to CSIR-CIMAP Lucknow. Dr. Mangla Roy, former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was the Chief Guest of the Kisan Mela 2019. He inaugurated the CSIR pavilion during the occasion and also addressed the Kisan Mela in which a large number of farmers, scientists and representatives from non-government organizations and industries were present. During his address to the farmers, he stressed that high-quality seeds, saplings and planting material needs to be distributed among the farmers for enhancing their income. He also emphasized that Self Help Groups (SHGs) of the farmers would help in the development of clusters for diversification of agricultural activities by the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic crops in the country. He opined that farmers need to focus on the value-addition of medicinal and aromatic crops to double their farm income. Students were exposed to special CSIR pavilion in which 10 laboratories of CSIR including CDRI, NBRI, IITR, IHBT, IICT, CCMB, NEIST, CFTRI, IIP and CIMAP and also FFDC, NMPB, ICAR-CISH and ICAR-IISR displayed their technologies and services. Students also visited the stalls of CSIR-CIMAP beneficiary farmers, entrepreneurs and industry. Students learned a lot from Prof. Anil Kumar Tripathi, Director, CSIR-CIMAP, who briefed our students about the farmer-centric activities undertaken by CSIR-CIMAP in various parts of the country under CSIR Aroma Mission. The visit was attended by 100 students of B.Sc(Hons). Agriculture.

An interaction on production and marketing of medicinal and aromatic plants, sale of quality planting materials, demonstration of improved plant varieties and herbal products, distillation/ processing live demonstration, demonstration of 'early mint technology' were some of the main highlights of the Kisan Mela. Our students had a very enriched experience as they were introduced with three improved varieties of basil CIM-AKSHAY, CIM-SUVAS and CIM-SUKHDA and one lemongrass variety, CIM-ATAL developed by the scientists of CSIR-CIMAP. At last they were given complete tour of CIMAP which made them more aware of the research work going on currently in various fields of agriculture and allied sectors.

Glimpses of the Visit



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