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Brief report on Kisan Goshti organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST on “Community Forestry Initiatives: Engaging Farmers in Conservation” on the occasion of World forestry day

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On March 21, 2021, the Department of Agriculture, IIAST, organized a Kisan Goshti in Palka village to celebrate World Forestry Day. World Forestry Day, also known as the International Day of Forests, is celebrated annually on March 21st. This global observance aims to raise awareness about the importance of all types of forests and trees, and to promote efforts to conserve, protect, and sustainably manage forest resources for present and future generations. The focus of the event was on "Community Forestry Initiatives: Engaging Farmers in Conservation." The gathering aimed to promote awareness among local farmers about the importance of forest conservation and the role they can play in preserving and enhancing forest resources.

The Goshti was observed under the guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Director, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology and Dr. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IIAST. The faculty members Dr. P.N. Verma and Dr. P. Smriti Rao accompanied students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture to Palka Village. Dr. P.N. Verma, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, IIAST, Integral University, Lucknow, facilitated discussions on various community forestry initiatives, including agroforestry practices, tree planting campaigns, and sustainable land management techniques. Dr. P. Smriti Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, IIAST, Integral University, Lucknow, prioritize conservation and sustainable management practices that balance the needs of people and nature. This includes promoting reforestation and afforestation efforts to restore degraded landscapes, implementing responsible logging practices that minimize environmental impact, and empowering local communities to actively participate in forest governance and stewardship.

The event served as a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration among farmers, government agencies, and local organizations to foster a sense of collective responsibility towards forest conservation. Through this initiative, the Department of Agriculture, IIAST, aimed to empower farmers with the necessary tools and knowledge to actively engage in conservation efforts while improving their livelihoods.



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Glimpses of the Goshti

