## Brief report on Kisan Goshti organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST on "Organic Farming- Cultivating in Harmony with Nature" on the occasion of Earth day

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The Department of Agriculture, IIAST organized a Kisan Goshti in Paikramau village to celebrate Earth Day under the theme "Organic Farming - Cultivating in Harmony with Nature" on 22, April, 2019. Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22nd, is a global event dedicated to raising awareness and promoting action for environmental protection and sustainability. The event aimed to promote sustainable agricultural practices that prioritize environmental conservation and soil health.

The Gosthi 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. Deepti Srivastava and Mr. Nadeem khan accompanied students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture to Paikramau Village. Dr. Deepti, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, IIAST, Integral University, Lucknow, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the principles and benefits of organic farming, highlighting techniques for natural pest management, soil enrichment, and crop diversification. Through interactive discussions and demonstrations, farmers gained practical knowledge on implementing organic practices on their farms. Mr. Nadeem Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, IIAST, Integral University, Lucknow, provided real-life examples of successful organic farming initiatives and shared practical tips for integrating organic techniques into existing farming systems.

Farmers had the opportunity to ask questions, seek advice, and share their own experiences, creating a supportive and collaborative atmosphere. The event concluded with a commitment from both the Department of Agriculture and the participating farmers to continue supporting and implementing organic farming practices in Paikramau village and beyond, reaffirming their dedication to cultivating in harmony with nature for a sustainable future.

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## **Glimpses of the Goshti**

