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Brief report on Kisan Pathshala on Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichayee Yojana (प्रधानमंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना) organised by Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) on 14th March 2023 in Kursi Village

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched during the year 2015-16 to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices, etc. Thus, to disseminate the information among the farmers of Kursi village, a Kisan Pathshala on the "PM Krishi Sichayee Yojana" was organized by the Department of Agriculture, IIAST in Kursi village on 14th March 2023. The Pathshala aimed to educate farmers about the benefits and implementation of the Prime Minister's Irrigation Scheme. The gathering witnessed enthusiastic participation from local farmers eager to learn about modern irrigation techniques and government support available to enhance agricultural productivity.

The Pathshala was observed under the guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Science and Technology and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IIAST. The faculty coordinators, Dr Sunil Kumar and Dr Ruqaiya Bano and supporting staff Mr. Dheer Pratap Singh accompanied students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture to the Kursi village where the Pathshala was organised.

The session began with an overview of the PM Krishi Sichayee Yojana, highlighting its role in providing financial assistance for the development of irrigation infrastructure. Farmers were briefed about the various components of the scheme, including micro-irrigation, watershed development, and the importance of water conservation. Experts from IIAST emphasized the significance of efficient water management in increasing crop yield and sustainability.

The key feature of the Pathshala was the discussions and demonstrations, allowing farmers to gain practical knowledge of the application of drip irrigation systems, sprinklers, and other modern techniques. Success stories of farmers who had benefited from the scheme, inspiring others to adopt similar practices was also shared. The Pathshala served as a platform for farmers to not only learn but also network with experts and fellow agriculturists, fostering a spirit of collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

In conclusion, the event proved to be an informative and empowering event for farmers in Kursi village. By equipping them with knowledge about advanced irrigation methods and government support, the initiative aimed to boost agricultural productivity and improve the livelihoods of rural communities. Such initiatives play a crucial role in bridging the gap between policy schemes and their on-ground implementation, paving the way for sustainable agricultural growth. The farmers actively engaged in interactive sessions with agricultural experts during the Kisan Pathshala. The event yielded successful outcomes, evident from the positive feedback received from the farmers. Their queries were effectively addressed, fostering a productive exchange of knowledge. Upon collecting feedback from the farmers, it became apparent that a significant majority expressed satisfaction with the event's organization and the valuable information shared by the experts, highlighting the event's high quality and usefulness.



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Glimpses of the event

