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Brief report on Kisan Goshti organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST on “Insect Pest Management in Okra Crop” in Bawan Village, Kumarganj, Ayodhya

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The Kisan Goshti organized by the Department of Agriculture, IIAST, on "Insect Pest Management in Okra Crop" held on 9 January 2021, in Bawan Village Kumarganj, Ayodhya addressed a critical issue faced by local okra farmers. Okra, being a significant crop in the region, is highly susceptible to various insect pests that can drastically reduce yield and quality. This event aimed to educate farmers on effective pest management strategies, thereby enhancing crop productivity and ensuring sustainable farming practices.

Dr. R.P Singh, Agriculture Expert provided comprehensive insights into insect pest management in okra cultivation. Drawing from his expertise in entomology and integrated pest management (IPM), Dr. Singh highlighted common pests affecting okra, such as aphids, whiteflies, and fruit borers. He discussed the importance of monitoring pest populations and implementing IPM techniques, which include cultural practices, biological control, and judicious use of chemical pesticides. Dr. Singh emphasized the role of resistant varieties and proper field sanitation in preventing pest outbreaks, offering practical advice tailored to the local context of Bawan Village, Kumarganj, Ayodhya.

The participation of students from the B.Sc (Hons) Agriculture program added a dynamic and interactive element to the goshti. These students engaged with farmers through demonstrations and hands-on activities, sharing their academic knowledge and learning from the farmers' experiences. This exchange not only enhanced the farmers' understanding of pest management but also provided students with valuable field experience, reinforcing the importance of integrating theoretical knowledge with practical application.

Overall, the Kisan Goshti served as an effective platform for promoting sustainable pest management practices among okra farmers in Bawan Village, Kumarganj, Ayodhya. By facilitating knowledge transfer and collaborative learning, the event helped build the farmers' capacity to manage pest-related challenges more effectively. The goshti underscored the commitment of the Department of Agriculture, IIAST, to support local agriculture through education, research, and community engagement, ultimately contributing to the resilience and productivity of the farming community in Bawan Village, Kumarganj, Ayodhya.



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Glimpses of the Goshti

