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Report on Guest Lecture by Prof. R. C. Srivastava, Former Vice Chancellor, RPCAU, at IIAST

The Department of Agriculture had the honor of hosting a guest lecture by Prof. R. C. Shrivastava on August 01, 2024. Dr. Shrivastava, an esteemed agricultural scientist and former Vice Chancellor of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Samastipur, addressed the students of the IIAST. The lecture focused on the significance of agricultural education and its future prospects, aiming to motivate and enlighten the students.

Prof. Srivastava emphasized the critical role that agricultural education plays in the development of the agriculture sector. He highlighted that a strong educational foundation in agriculture is essential for innovation, sustainability, and efficiency in farming practices. He discussed the evolution of agricultural education over the years and how it has adapted to meet the changing needs of the industry. He pointed out the advancements in technology and research that have transformed agricultural practices and the importance of incorporating these advancements into the curriculum.

The Guest Speaker elaborated on the diverse career opportunities available to students with a degree in agriculture. He encouraged students to explore various fields such as research, agribusiness, farm management, agricultural consultancy, and governmental roles, highlighting that the demand for skilled professionals in agriculture is ever-growing. He provided insights into the future of agriculture and the pivotal role that today's students will play in shaping it. He discussed the potential impacts of climate change, population growth, and technological innovations on agriculture. He stressed the need for adaptive and resilient agricultural practices to ensure food security and sustainability. The distinguished speaker shared personal anecdotes and success stories from his extensive career. He encouraged students to stay passionate and committed to their studies, reminding them of the significant impact they can make in the world through their work in agriculture.

The guest lecture by Prof. R. C. Shrivastava was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on the B.Sc. Agriculture students. His wealth of knowledge, combined with his motivational approach, provided the students with a deeper understanding of the importance of their education and the bright future that lies ahead in the field of agriculture. The Department of Agriculture extends its heartfelt thanks to Prof. Shrivastava for his time and invaluable insights. This lecture was observed under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Dean Faculty of Agricultural Science and Technology, and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture at IIAST, was diligently conducted to facilitate insightful discussions.



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Glimpses of the guest lecture

