

## Brief report on Kisan Goshthi in collaboration with Anganbadi, Bhagtpurwa, Gram Panchayat BKT organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST on 04<sup>th</sup> May 2024 on "UP CM Kanya Sumangala Yojana".

Kisan Goshthi was organized by the Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) on 04<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to sensitize the natives of the Village Bhagatpurwa tehsil BKT District Lucknow. The main objective of the Kisan Goshthi was to provide awareness among the farmers towards UP CM Kanya Sumangala Yojana, vegetable production and new technologies launched for the welfare of farming community for horticultural crops.

The Programme 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, Dr Mustfa Hussain and Dr. Satish Yadav accompanied students of B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture to Bhagatpurwa Village, where the Goshthi was organized. The farmers of village Bhagatpurwa and other nearby villages attended the Goshthi. Dr. Sunil Kumar provided important information to the farmers about Kanya Sumangala Yojana. Now govt. providing Rs. 25,000 for girl's education earlier this amount was only Rs. 15000. This amount is on their birth, vaccination and education. The child will now receive Rs. 2,000 instead of the previous Rs 1,000 in installment. Dr. Mustfa Hussain talked about process to apply in Sumangla Yojana via online portal of Department of Women & Child <u>Development (up.gov.in)</u> and encouraged women running their business in agricultural sector to get enrolled in it. The Kanya Sumangala Yojana is focused on the welfare of girl children, its impacts extend to various facets of rural development. By enhancing education, health, economic participation, and gender equality, the scheme contributes significantly to the overall socioeconomic development of rural areas in Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Hussain has also stressed upon marketing practices of vegetables in nearby mandis of Lucknow in order to increase profit margin and reduce cost. Dr Satish Yadav outlined the value addition of horticultural and vegetable crops along with development of new nursery management. He stated that government is promoting soil health management, post-harvest technologies like cold storage and processing units, and digital platforms for advisory services and e-marketplaces to support farmers' welfare and increase profitability.

Pradhan of Bhagatpurwa, Sri Virendra Kumar addressed the villagers to take initiatives viz. preparing vermicompost, vermiwash and importance of mushroom farming etc. After Goshthi, Front Line Demonstration (FLD) was done on the field of Pradhan and other progressive farmers. Efforts were made to make students aware of Cabbage, Potato and Brinjal and their protection etc.

Glimpses of Kisan Goshthi to village Bhagatpurwa (Lucknow District, Uttar Pradesh)



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