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Report on “Kisan Gosthi” in Bhakamau Village on “Women Empowerment through Livestock Enterprises in Rural Areas”

“ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पशुधन उद्यमों के माध्यम से महिला सशक्तिकरण”

The Department of Agriculture at the Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) organized a Kisan Goshthi on 4th May 2024, in Bhakamau Village, Tehsil BKT, District Lucknow. The primary focus of this event was to promote women empowerment through livestock enterprises, highlighting the significant role of livestock farming in improving the socio-economic status of women in rural areas. The program was conducted under the esteemed guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, with the support of Dr. Deepti Srivastava, Dr. Pankaj Kumar Gupta, and Dr. Srishti Thakur.

The Kisan Goshthi organized by IIAST successfully highlighted the importance of livestock enterprises in empowering women in rural areas. By providing education, practical skills, and support through government schemes, the event aimed to enhance the socio-economic status of women farmers. Continued efforts and support from educational institutions, government programs, and community leaders are essential for the sustained development and empowerment of women in agriculture. Objectives of the Kisan Gosthi were to educate rural women about the benefits of engaging in livestock enterprise and to encourage economic independence and social empowerment for women through livestock farming as well as to educate them about the support available through government schemes and initiatives.

Dr. Deepti Srivastava highlighted the potential of livestock enterprises to provide a stable and significant source of income for women in rural areas. She explained that livestock farming can be a sustainable livelihood option, leading to improved household incomes and economic stability. Dr. Srivastava shared success stories of women who have transformed their lives and communities through livestock farming. **Dr. Pankaj Kumar Gupta** provided detailed information on the practical aspects of livestock farming, including animal husbandry, feeding practices, breeding, and healthcare. He emphasized the importance of adopting best practices in livestock management to ensure high productivity and profitability. Dr. Gupta also discussed the various types of livestock suitable for rural areas, such as dairy cattle, goats, poultry, and sheep. **Dr. Srishti Thakur** focused on the broader impact of livestock enterprises on women's empowerment. She explained how engaging in livestock farming can lead to greater economic independence for women, enhancing their decision-making power within households and communities. Dr. Thakur also discussed the social benefits, such as improved status and recognition that come with successful livestock enterprises.

Around 20 students and more than 20 farmers participated in the kisan Goshthi. Farmers of Bhakamau village had participated very enthusiastically and goshthi event comes up with successful outcomes, farmers have also given their feedback. The queries of farmers were effectively solved by our mentors and important information regarding income generation activities had been given to farmers.

Glimpses pf the Kisan Goshthi



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