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Brief Report of Guest lecture on the topic "Animal Welfare and Future Perspectives" Organized by Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (IIAST), Integral University Lucknow

The Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST), Integral University, Lucknow organized a Guest Lecture on the topic "Animal Welfare and Future Perspectives" on 11th September 2024 at 11:00 A.M. in the Seminar Hall, IIAST Building. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Neelam Bala, Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Former Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India. Dr. Neelam Bala, an expert in animal welfare and livestock management, enlightened the students on various topics related to ethical animal treatment, government policies and sustainable livestock practices. Her lecture provided deep insights into the future trends in animal husbandry, offering valuable perspectives to the attendees.

Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IIAST, Integral University, Lucknow, welcomed Dr. Neelam Bala, who commenced the lecture by emphasizing the critical role of animal welfare in agriculture and its impact on the overall well-being of livestock. She highlighted the importance of adopting humane and sustainable practices in the field, stressing that animal health directly influences productivity. In the first segment of the lecture, She explored the ethical responsibilities of veterinarians and animal scientists, emphasizing how ensuring animal welfare contributes to sustainable agriculture.

Dr. Bala proceeded to discuss the future perspectives in animal welfare, focusing on innovative practices in livestock management. She detailed the benefits of integrating traditional farming methods with modern scientific techniques to enhance animal health and productivity. Drawing from her extensive experience, Dr. Bala shared real-world case studies to demonstrate how government policies and advanced technologies are shaping the future of animal welfare. This segment provided students with practical knowledge and tools for implementing welfare measures that align with sustainable agriculture goals.

The lecture then transitioned into a discussion on the emerging challenges and opportunities in animal welfare, including the role of technology in improving animal care and monitoring. Dr. Bala emphasized the importance of developing new policies that promote ethical farming while also enhancing productivity and sustainability. Her presentation highlighted the



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necessity of balancing economic goals with the ethical treatment of animals in the agriculture sector.

The students and faculty members benefited greatly from Dr. Bala's expertise and engaging lecture. The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, where students actively participated, posing insightful questions about ethical issues and practical challenges in the field. The lecture not only broadened the understanding of animal welfare but also provided actionable knowledge that can be applied in the professional lives of the attendees.

The program was conducted 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 lecture was effectively coordinated and moderated by Dr. Zeeshan Ahmed Khan, Assistant Professor, IIAST, while the event's anchoring was skillfully handled by Dr. Pallavi Srivastava. This guest lecture proved to be a valuable academic initiative by the Department of Agriculture, contributing significantly to the knowledge and practical understanding of both students and faculty members.

Glimpses of Event





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