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## **Brief report on Kisan Goshti organized by Department of Agriculture, IIAST in Bhagatpurwa Village on “Role of Women in Agriculture and Agripneurship”**

Women play a crucial role in sustainable agriculture. Women often have a deep understanding of traditional agricultural practices and possess knowledge of organic and sustainable farming methods. They play a vital role in preserving traditional seeds, implementing eco-friendly techniques, involved in agri-entrepreneurial activities and have a vital role in processing and preservation of agricultural products. In order to appreciate and encourage their participation in farming a Kisan Goshti was organized by the Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) on 26 May 2023 in Village Bhagatpurwa, tehsil BKT, Lucknow. Important information about women's role in nutritional and economic security, various schemes launched for women's welfare in India and other important aspects related to women's entrepreneurial activity were successfully imparted to farm women by the experts of IIAST.

Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr Mustfa Hussain and Dr. Satish Yadav along with supporting staff Syed Faisal Kirmani and Suraj Awasthi accompanied students of B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture to Bhagatpurwa Village. Dr. Sunil Kumar provided important information to the women farmers about SHGs and Govt. schemes like Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana which aligns with SDG 12 (promoting sustainable production and consumption pattern), Pradhan Mantri Mahila Kisan Sampada Yojana, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh etc. Dr. Mustfa Hussain successfully disseminated information about the role of women in entrepreneurial activities in agriculture like organic farming, bee keeping, mushroom production, livestock rearing, agri-tourism, etc. Dr Satish Yadav outlined the participation of women in the value addition of horticultural crops like mango pickle, amla murabba, jam and jelly production, aalo papad etc.

After goshti, Front Line Demonstration (FLD) was done in the field of village pradhan and other progressive farmers on sunflower production. 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 women farmers in Bhagatpurwa were encouraged to register for numerous government-sponsored schemes aimed at boosting agricultural productivity and sustainable development in Agriculture. The goshti provided an opportunity for women farmers and academicians to build networks and collaborate with each other, creating partnerships and sharing knowledge resources.

## Glimpse of the Program

