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Brief Report on Visit of Undergraduate Students of Department of Agriculture, IIAST, to Integral Krishi Vikas Kendra (IKVK), Kursi, Barabanki on “World Veterinary Day”

World Veterinary Day is an annual global observance held in the month of April to highlight and celebrate the contributions of veterinarians to society. It serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of veterinary medicine in safeguarding animal health, promoting public health, ensuring food safety, and contributing to the well-being of both animals and humans. This year it was held on 27th April 2024 on the theme "Veterinarians are Essential Health Workers."

On 30th of April 2024, students of 1st year B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture along with faculty members celebrated World Veterinary Day at Integral Krishi Vikas Kendra (IKVK), Kursi, Barabanki, organized jointly by the Department of Agriculture, IIAST, and the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Integral University. The event aimed to enlighten students about the critical role of veterinarians in society, under the theme "Veterinarians are Essential Health Workers." The visit 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.

The celebration commenced with an informative session introducing students to various breeds of cattle, buffalo, goats, and poultry. This session provided valuable insights into the diversity of livestock present in the region and their significance in agricultural practices and livelihoods. A dedicated educational session was conducted to enlighten students about the indispensable role of veterinarians in society. The session emphasized the multifaceted responsibilities of veterinarians, including animal healthcare, disease prevention and control, food safety, public health, and environmental protection. Through case studies and interactive discussions, students gained a deeper appreciation for the contributions of veterinarians to the well-being of both animals and humans.

Throughout the event, interactive engagement was encouraged, allowing students to actively participate, ask questions, and share their perspectives. The visit to the Integrated Farming System unit provided students with practical exposure to sustainable farming practices and integrated agricultural management. Students gained knowledge about the diverse breeds of livestock and their significance in agricultural production systems. They developed a deeper understanding of the vital role played by veterinarians as essential health workers in safeguarding animal health, ensuring food security, and promoting public health.

The celebration of World Veterinary Day proved to be an enriching and educational experience for the students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture 1st year. Through engaging activities, informative sessions, and hands-on experiences, participants gained valuable insights into livestock management, sustainable agriculture, and the critical role of veterinarians in society. The event



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was properly guided and coordinated by faculty coordinators Dr. Usman Sayeed, Dr. Nitish Kumar and Dr. Zeeshan Ahmed Khan along with Supporting Staff Mr. Sooraj Awasthi and Mr. Faisal Kirmani. The visit was attended by 51 students. The collaborative efforts of the Department of Agriculture, IIAST, and the NSS unit of Integral University ensured the success of the event, fostering awareness and appreciation for the contributions of veterinarians to the well-being of communities and ecosystems.

Glimpses of the visit

