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Report on “Kisan Gosthi” in Bhakamau Village on “Livestock and Dairy Production: An Opportunity for Self-Employment to Rural Women”

“पशुपालन एवं दुग्ध उत्पादन: ग्रामीण महिलाओं के लिए स्वरोजगार का अवसर”

The Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) organized a Kisan Goshthi on 16th November 2024 in Bhakamau Village, Tehsil BKT, District Lucknow. The goshthi focused on promoting women empowerment through livestock enterprises, emphasizing the pivotal role of livestock farming in enhancing the socio-economic status of rural women. The program was conducted under the esteemed guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, with support from Dr. Pankaj Kumar Gupta and Dr. Srishti Thakur.

The Kisan Goshthi effectively highlighted the importance of livestock enterprises in empowering rural women. The objectives of the Kisan Goshthi were to educate rural women about the benefits of engaging in livestock enterprises. It also aimed to raise awareness about government schemes and initiatives that support livestock enterprises. The event also encourages economic independence and social empowerment for women through livestock farming.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar Gupta highlighted the immense potential of livestock farming in empowering rural women economically and socially. He emphasized that livestock and dairy enterprises, requiring relatively low investment, offer a sustainable source of income through the sale of milk, eggs, meat, and other products. He also explained how these activities not only improve household incomes but also provide women with essential skills in animal husbandry, feeding, breeding, and healthcare. Such ventures enable rural women to gain financial independence, contribute to family welfare, and actively participate in community decision-making processes.

Dr. Srishti Thakur addressed the importance of government schemes and training programs in supporting women engaged in livestock farming. Awareness about subsidies, credit facilities, and veterinary services was encouraged to help rural women start and expand their businesses. By adopting best practices in livestock management, women can achieve higher productivity and profitability. The session concluded by underscoring the role of livestock enterprises as a powerful tool for empowering women and fostering rural development.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 12 students and over 20 farmers. Farmers from Bhakamau village actively engaged in the discussions, providing valuable feedback and sharing their experiences. Their queries were effectively addressed by the mentors, who also provided essential information on income-generation activities through livestock enterprises. The Kisan Goshthi concluded successfully, with positive outcomes and a renewed sense of motivation among participants.

Glimpses of the Kisan Goshthi



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