

**Brief report on Kisan Pathshala Series 2 and Awareness Campaign on
Swachh avam Surakshit Dugdh Utpadan Jagruk
Abhiyan organized by Department of Agriculture, IAST on 29 November
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The Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST), Integral University Lucknow organized Kisan Pathshala - 2 at Integral Krishi Vikas Kendra followed by an Awareness Campaign on “Swachh avam Surakshit Dugdh Utpadan Jagruk Abhiyan” to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the father of India’s White Revolution. Important information about “Safe Milk Production and Animal Health” were successfully imparted to farmers and students by the expert Dr. Neelam Bala, Joint Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Uttar Pradesh along with the other faculty members of IAST.

The Programme was observed under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Science and Technology and Dr. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IAST. The faculty coordinators Dr. Usman Sayeed, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Pankaj Gupta and Dr. Akanksha Singh along with the supporting staff Syed Faisal Kirmani and Suraj Awasthi accompanied the expert and students of B.Sc (Hons.)Agriculture II Year to Integral Krishi Vikas Kendra, Kursi where the Pathshala was organized. The farmers of village Kursi and other nearby villages attended the Pathshala. Dr. Neelam Bala successfully highlighted the importance of vaccination for dairy animals and explained various methods for preventing milk borne infections which is an emerging public health issue. She also discussed strategies for clean milk production like sanitation, ventilation and disinfection of the animal houses, handling of milking vessels and proper udder hygiene. The eminent resource person also shed light on appropriate technique of milk collection and transportation. She discussed on various schemes and policies for welfare of dairy farmers like Pashu Adhar, e-Gopala, Rashtriya Gokul Mission etc. and also responded well to queries of the farmers. . The students of B.Sc (Hons.)Agriculture II Year had also prepared informative Posters related to dairy farming and animal. which were displayed at Kursi Farm. The students and farmers also visited the Integrated Farming system at IKVK. The students had a very enriched experience as they were exposed to best farming method for environmental protection and human health which improves the quality of the land and the income of the farmers. In final session of the programme an awareness rally was organized on “Swachh avam Surakshit Dugdh Utpadan Jagruk Abhiyan”.150 students, farmers and faculty members attended the Program. The campaign aims to make the farmers and people aware of key aspects of clean milk production.

The Programme was concluded after taking the Feedback of farmers and students for assessing their level of satisfaction, which revealed that the majority of people attending the Programme was delighted with the way Kisan Pathshala and awareness campaign was organized and the quality of contents which were delivered.

