



Brief Report on the Educational Visit to Kisan Mela at CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow

The students of the Department of Agriculture, B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture first Year, undertook an enriching educational visit to the Kisan Mela organized at CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow, on 30 January 2026. The event offered a comprehensive platform combining experiential learning with exposure to advanced agricultural technologies and innovations.

The primary objective of the visit was to acquaint students with modern agricultural practices and recent advancements, with particular emphasis on medicinal and aromatic plants. The mela showcased improved crop varieties, sensor-based technologies, and advanced techniques in soil and water testing, enabling students to understand the evolving tools and practices essential for sustainable and precision agriculture.

The faculty coordinator(s) Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Nitish Kumar, and Dr. Abhineet along with the students explored a wide spectrum of agricultural exhibits, including cereals, millets, spices, condiments, medicinal plants, fruits, vegetables, flowers, and CIMAP-developed products. A major highlight of the visit was the field research demonstrations conducted at CIMAP. These included specialized research zones such as medicinal plant fields, Manav Park, Nature Park, Aromatic Hut, and ongoing experimental trials.

Through these live demonstrations, students gained valuable insights into innovative research methodologies related to crop improvement, soil health management, water conservation, and the scientific cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants. The visit significantly enhanced their practical understanding of applied agricultural research.

Another important component of the visit was direct interaction with industry professionals. Students engaged with representatives from agrochemical companies, seed firms, pesticide manufacturers, and other agri-input stakeholders. These interactions provided practical exposure to current market trends, challenges, and opportunities in the agricultural sector.

The visit was conducted under the esteemed guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Science and Technology, and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Integral Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Integral University. Their encouragement emphasized the significance of bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world applications to prepare students for future challenges in agriculture.

Overall, the educational visit to the Kisan Mela proved to be highly informative and impactful, equipping students with firsthand knowledge of modern agricultural technologies, research practices, and industry dynamics. It also fostered meaningful academic and professional engagement, contributing to their holistic learning experience.

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