

Kisan Gosthi on Agriculture Diversification and Natural Farming

Date: 19th February, 2025

Venue: Sohna, Gurugram

A Kisan Gosthi was held on 19th February, 2025 at KR Manglam University, Sohna, Gurugram with the objective of promoting agriculture diversification and raising awareness about the importance of natural farming practices. The event, which was organized by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, witnessed a large gathering of farmers, agriculture experts, and government officials.



The gathering focused on the pressing need for agricultural diversification, urging farmers to move beyond traditional crop patterns and explore sustainable alternatives. The experts emphasized how diversification not only helps to mitigate risks but also enhances soil health, improves income stability, and contributes to the overall economic growth of the farming community. Dr. Baljeet Singh Saharan, Sr. Coordinator, KVK, Kurukshetra, Prof. Joginder Singh Yadav, Dean, School of Agricultural Sciences, KR Mangalam University, Sh. Sanjay Yadav, progressive farmer, natural farming & Sh. Maan Singh, Chairman, Kisan Club, Gurugram were some of the expert speakers invited during the gosthi.



In particular, a significant portion of the session was dedicated to educating farmers about the advantages of natural farming. The method which shuns the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides was presented as a solution for reducing input costs while maintaining high-quality yields. The speakers outlined how natural farming restores soil fertility, promote biodiversity and improve

water retention in the soil, all while reducing environmental impact.

The event included discussions on crop rotation, mixed cropping, agroforestry, cultivation of region specific crops and the use of organic fertilizers. Local farmers shared their success stories, highlighting the positive outcomes they had experienced through adopting diversified farming techniques and natural farming practices.

The Chief Guest of the event, Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, addressed the audience by stressing the importance of modern farming techniques that are not only sustainable but also ensure the welfare of farmers. He assured the farmers of the government's continued support, including training programs, subsidies for organic inputs, adoption of natural farming and financial aid for diversifying agricultural practices.

The event concluded with a Q&A session, where farmers actively participated seeking advice for transition to natural farming and incorporate diversified crops into their existing systems. The government officials and experts pledged to continue offering their guidance and resources to empower farmers in adopting these eco-friendly practices.

The Kisan Gosthi marked a pivotal step towards transforming Haryana's agricultural landscape by encouraging sustainable practices that not only benefit the environment but also improve the livelihoods of the farming community.

