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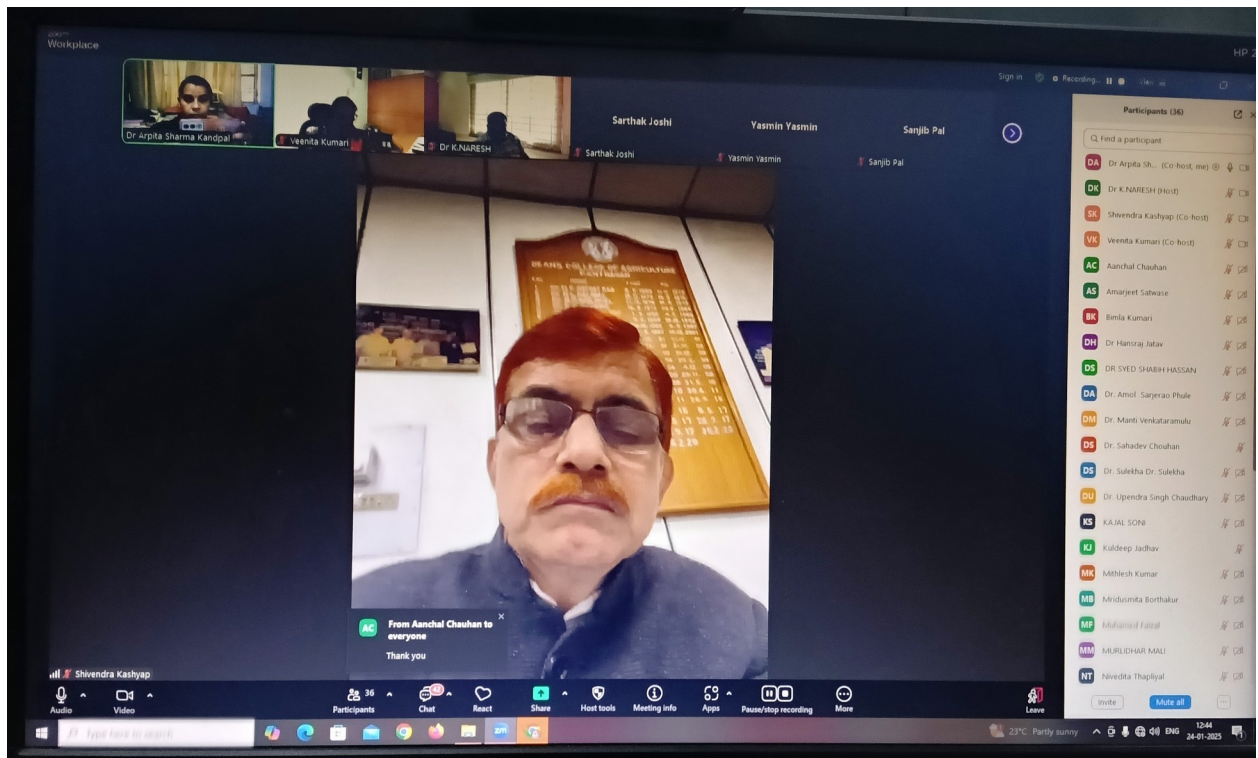
**Five-day Training Programme Successfully Concluded at the University**

Pantnagar. 24 January 2025. The valedictory function of the five-day Collaborative Online Training Program on Gender Sensitization and Women-Led Extension, jointly organized by the Department of Agricultural Communication, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar, and MANAGE, Hyderabad, was successfully held on the iEcho online platform. The program concluded on a high note, highlighting the importance of gender inclusivity in agriculture and promoting women-led extension models. The event was graced by eminent dignitaries, including Dr. S. K. Kashyap, Dean, College of Agriculture, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar; Dr. Veenita Kumari, Deputy Director (Gender Studies), MANAGE, Hyderabad; and Dr. V.L.V. Kameswari, Head, Department of Agricultural Communication, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar.

In his address, Dr. S.K. Kashyap appreciated the efforts of the organizers and participants, stating, "This program has been an excellent platform to address critical gender-related challenges in agriculture. The knowledge and strategies shared during these sessions will greatly benefit participants in their professional pursuits." He further emphasized the need for gender-sensitive research, extension activities, and development initiatives to bridge the existing gaps and empower women in the sector.

Dr. Veenita Kumari highlighted the collaborative spirit of the program and its contribution to creating a gender-inclusive agricultural ecosystem. She said, "Such initiatives are crucial for understanding and addressing gender disparities in agriculture. This program has successfully provided actionable insights and innovative strategies for fostering inclusivity and empowering women." The training program was efficiently coordinated by Dr. Arpita S. Kandpal, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Communication, GBPUA&T, Pantnagar.

The program witnessed the active participation of 62 scientists and professionals from various universities and institutions across the country. It served as a platform for exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and fostering collaboration on gender-inclusive agricultural development. The five-day program was widely mentioned for its impactful content and collaborative efforts. It stands as a testament to the commitment of GBPUA&T, Pantnagar, and MANAGE, Hyderabad, toward driving meaningful change in agriculture through gender empowerment. Participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to enhance their understanding of gender issues and strategies for inclusivity, with the hope that such initiatives will continue to inspire progress in the agricultural sector.



*Dean Agriculture Dr. S.K. Kashyap addressing the online training program.*

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