Educational Visit of Lokmangal Agriculture College Students to Research Institutes!



A one-day educational tour for third-year students of Lokmangal Agriculture College, Wadala operated by the Shriram Shriram Gramin Sanshodhan Va Vikas Pratishthan was successfully organized on October 14 at national research institutes in Solapur. The primary objective of this study tour was to gain direct, practical insights into modern technologies and cutting-edge research in the field of agriculture. During the tour, students first visited the Millet Research Center (ICAR-IIMR) at Shelgi. Senior Scientist in the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Dr. Parashuram Patroti, provided detailed information regarding sorghum, pearl millet, and nine other types of millets, and conducted a live field tour of an automated system-based sorghum field. Furthermore, Prof. Payal Kardikar offered valuable guidance regarding millet by-products and their marketing strategies. Following this, the students visited the ICAR-National Research Centre on Pomegranate (NRCP). On this occasion, Mr. Choudhary from the institute detailed various research methodologies and initiatives being implemented on pomegranate crops. Expressing his views, College Principal Dr. Amol Shinde noted that educational tours provide students with more than just theoretical knowledge; they offer firsthand exposure to modern agricultural research and field experimentation, which will prove invaluable for their future agricultural careers. Faculty members Prof. Suraj Raut, Prof. Priti Kamble, and Prof. Abhijit Narayankar served as coordinators and put in special efforts to ensure the success of this tour, which was crucial for enriching the students' knowledge base. A total of 75 students enthusiastically participated in this educational tour.