



## **Report on the Talk by Padma Shri Awardee Shri Nek Ram Sharma at Govt. College Karsog**

On 21 September, 2024, Govt. College Karsog hosted a distinguished talk by Padma Shri awardee Shri Nek Ram Sharma, organized by Dr. Lomeshwar, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, under the chairmanship of Principal Dr. J.S. Patiyal. The event saw enthusiastic participation, with staff members present and 59 students attending the session, which took place in the college conference hall, starting at 2:00 PM.

The event began with a warm welcome by the coordinator, Dr. Lomeshwar, who also read out the inspiring life journey and struggles of Shri Nek Ram Sharma. In honor of his significant contributions, Shri Nek Ram was felicitated with a memento, a traditional Himachali shawl, and a cap, presented by Principal Dr. J.S. Patiyal.

Shri Nek Ram Sharma, widely known as the "Millet Man of Himachal Pradesh," delivered a highly engaging and informative talk, focusing on the importance of millet cultivation and traditional crops. He emphasized the benefits of moving toward organic farming and highlighted the use of natural fertilizers such as vermicompost and "Jivamrit" to enhance crop production. His speech lasted for about an hour, during which he shared his vast experience and knowledge in natural farming methods, encouraging students and staff to adopt sustainable agricultural practices.

Following his talk, Shri Nek Ram interacted with the students, responding to their queries and offering insightful answers. He also engaged with the staff members, discussing practical solutions and ways to implement organic farming techniques. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Lomeshwar, who expressed gratitude to Shri Nek Ram for his valuable insights and to everyone who participated in the event.

In the closing session, students were served juice, while staff members enjoyed a refreshing spread of fruits.

### **Speaker Profile: Shri Nek Ram Sharma**

Shri Nek Ram Sharma, hailing from Nanj village in Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh, is a celebrated natural farmer and an advocate of traditional millet cultivation. Awarded the prestigious Padma Shri by the President of India in 2023, Shri Nek Ram has dedicated his life to preserving and promoting nine endangered varieties of millet. His journey toward sustainable agriculture began in 1992 when he joined the countrywide literacy campaign. Though initially aspiring for a government job, fate led him to farming.

With guidance from experts at Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry and Agricultural University Dharwad, Shri Nek Ram pioneered the natural farming of coarse grains like Kangni, Kodra, Sonk, and other traditional crops such as desi maize and barley. He has inspired over 20,000 farmers to adopt natural farming practices, emphasizing the health benefits of millet and organic agriculture.

In recognition of his efforts, 2023 was declared the "International Year of Millets" by the United Nations, underlining the global significance of his work. Shri Nek Ram's contributions have revived traditional farming methods that are resilient to climate change, ensuring the preservation of local crops and fostering healthier diets.

Shri Nek Ram's passion for natural farming has made him a key figure in the revival of traditional agriculture, contributing immensely to the agricultural landscape of India.

### Some glimpses of the event





## करसोग में पद्मश्री नेकराम शर्मा को किया सम्मानित



करसोग। राजकीय महाविद्यालय करसोग में पद्मश्री पुरस्कार से सम्मानित नेकराम शर्मा का एक विशेष व्याख्यान आयोजित किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन बॉटनी विभाग के सहायक प्रोफेसर डा. लोमेश्वर द्वारा किया गया, जिसमें महाविद्यालय के प्रधानाचार्य डॉ. जेएस पाटियाल ने अध्यक्षता की। इस अवसर पर महाविद्यालय के स्टाफ सदस्यों सहित 59 छात्रों ने उत्साहपूर्वक हिस्सा लिया। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन महाविद्यालय के कॉफ़ेस हॉल में हुआ। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत डा. लोमेश्वर द्वारा स्वागत भाषण से हुई, जिसमें उन्होंने नेकराम शर्मा के संघर्षमय जीवन और उनकी प्रेरणादायक यात्रा का विवरण प्रस्तुत किया। इसके पश्चात प्रधानाचार्य डा. पाटियाल ने उन्हें सम्मानित करते हुए हिमाचली शॉल, टोपी, और स्मृति चिह्न भेंट किया। उन्होंने जैविक खेती की ओर बढ़ने, वर्मी कम्पोस्ट और जीवामृत के प्रयोग से फसल उत्पादन बढ़ाने की विधियों पर भी चर्चा की। इसके साथ ही, उन्होंने स्टाफ सदस्यों से भी बातचीत की और अपने अनुभव साझा किए। कार्यक्रम का समापन डॉ. लोमेश्वर ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के साथ किया।



## Participation of students

Dated: 21 September 2024

Name of the student	Roll No.	Class	Signature
1. Sonjana Verma	BSc/21/LSC/2519	BSc IIIrd Year	Sonyana
2. Muskan	BSc/22/LSC/2508	BSc IIIrd Year	Muskan
3. Neha Verma	BSc/22/LSC/2524	BSc IIIrd Year	Neha
4. Aditi Thakur	BSc/22/LSC/1301	BSc IIIrd Year	Aditi Thakur
5. Anamika	BSc/22/LSC/2519	BSc IIIrd Year	Anamika
6. Ashita	BSc/21/LSC/2002	BSc IIIrd Year	Ashita
7. Sheetal	BSc/21/LSC/2009	BSc IIIrd Year	Sheetal
8. Priyanka	BSc/22/LSC/2517	BSc IIIrd Year	Priyanka
9. Ananti Verma	BSc/22/LSC/2523	BSc IIIrd Year	Ananti
10. Nikita Sharma	BSc/22/LSC/2514	BSc IIIrd Year	Nikita
11. Bonika Thakur	BSc/22/LSC/2003	BSc 2nd year	Bonika
12. Shweta Thakur	BSc/22/LSC/2507	BSc 2nd year	Shweta
13. Bhavna	BSc/22/LSC/2511	BSc 2nd year	Bhavna
14. Sakshi Verma	BSc/22/LSC/2519	BSc 2nd year	Sakshi
15. Ananya	BSc/23/LSC/2513	BSc 2nd Year	Ananya
16. Shreya	BSc/22/LSC/2522	BSc 2nd year	Shreya
17. Divisha	BSc/23/LSC/2002	BSc 2nd year	Divisha
18. Pallavi	BSc/23/LSC/2007	BSc 2nd year	Pallavi
19. Pooja	BSc/23/LSC/2508	BSc 2nd year	Pooja
20. Shivani	BSc/23/LSC/2504	BSc 2nd Year	Shivani
21. Kamal Thakur	BSc/23/LSC/2517	BSc 2nd Year	Kamal Thakur
22. Anchal Kumari	BSc/23/LSC/2501	BSc 2nd Year	Anchal
23. Anchal	BSc/23/LSC/2503	BSc 2nd Year	Anchal
24. Ashita Sharma	BSc/23/LSC/2011	BSc 2nd Year	Ashita Sharma
25. Priyanka	BSc/23/LSC/2005	BSc 2nd Year	Priyanka

Name of Student	Roll No.	Class	Signature
26. Divya Sharma	BSc/23/LSC/2001	B.Sc 2nd year	Divya
27. Ankit	BSc/23/LSC/2006	BSc 2nd year	Ankit
28. Minakshi	BSc/23/LSC/2506	BSc 2nd year	Minakshi
29. Shivani	BSc/23/LSC/2511	BSc 2nd Year	Shivani
30. Sheetal	BSc/23/LSC/1301	BSc IIIrd Year	Sheetal
31. Mehak Verma	BSc/23/LSC/1302	BSc IIIrd Year	Mehak Verma
32. Shreya	BSc/23/LSC/2520	BSc IIIrd Year	Shreya
33. Sanya Verma	BSc/23/LSC/2509	BSc IIIrd Year	Sanya
34. Raveena	BSc/23/LSC/2516	BSc IIIrd Year	Raveena
35. Tinkal Thakur	BSc/24/LSC/2509	BSc 1st Year	Tinkal
36. Samia Verma	BSc/24/LSC/2006	BSc 1st year	Samia
37. Muskan Sharma	BSc/24/LSC/2302	BSc 1st year	Muskan
38. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2512	BSc 1st year	Anshul
39. Ananya	BSc/24/LSC/2009	BSc 1st year	Ananya
40. Pallavi	BSc/24/LSC/2011	BSc 1st year	Pallavi
41. Nisha	BSc/24/LSC/2507	BSc 1st year	Nisha
42. Anamika	BSc/24/LSC/2506	BSc 1st year	Anamika
43. Pooja	BSc/24/LSC/2508	BSc 1st year	Pooja
44. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2501	BSc 1st year	Anshul
45. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2010	BSc 1st year	Anshul
46. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/1301	BSc 1st year	Anshul
47. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2002	BSc 1st year	Anshul
48. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2013	BSc 1st year	Anshul
49. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2012	BSc 1st year	Anshul
50. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2012	BSc 1st year	Anshul
51. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2505	BSc 1st year	Anshul
52. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2001	BSc 1st year	Anshul
53. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2003	BSc 1st year	Anshul
54. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2504	BSc 1st year	Anshul
55. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2510	BSc 1st year	Anshul
56. Anshul	BSc/24/LSC/2513	BSc 1st year	Anshul
57. Anshul	BSc/23/LSC/2009	BSc 2nd year	Anshul
58. Anshul	BSc/23/LSC/2010	BSc 2nd year	Anshul
59. Anshul	BSc/23/LSC/2515	BSc 2nd year	Anshul

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