

Department of Agriculture

Visit to Saini Organic Farm, Ropar

The Department of Agriculture, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib, in collaboration with the Agrarian Society, organised an educational visit to **Saini Organic Farm, located at Khalidpur, Majri Jattan, Roopnagar, on 12 October 2026**. The farm is owned by Mr. Gurjit Singh. The visit was organised with the objective of providing students with practical exposure to organic farming practices, sustainable agricultural techniques, and environmentally friendly methods of crop production. It offered students an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the practical aspects of agriculture and the importance of adopting sustainable farming systems.

The educational visit aimed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical field experience. During the visit, students were encouraged to observe agricultural activities and understand the importance of organic farming in maintaining soil fertility, protecting natural resources, and promoting environmentally responsible crop production. They learned about the significance of reducing excessive dependence on chemical fertilisers and pesticides and adopting farming practices that support long-term agricultural sustainability. The visit also helped students appreciate the role of organic farming in conserving biodiversity, improving soil health, and maintaining ecological balance.

The students gained valuable insights into the importance of sustainable agricultural practices and the need to use natural resources efficiently. They were encouraged to understand how environmentally friendly farming methods can contribute to healthier soil, improved agricultural sustainability, and the conservation of the surrounding environment. The visit provided an opportunity to relate the theoretical concepts studied in the classroom to their practical applications in the field. Such exposure is essential for developing agricultural knowledge, observational skills, and an understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with sustainable farming.

The Worthy Principal, **Dr. Jasvir Singh**, appreciated the initiative taken by the Department of Agriculture and the Agrarian Society in organising the educational visit. He emphasised the importance of experiential learning in higher education and encouraged students to participate actively in field visits, workshops, and other practical activities. He highlighted that such initiatives help students broaden their knowledge, develop professional skills, and gain a deeper understanding of modern agricultural practices. He also encouraged students to explore sustainable and innovative approaches that can contribute to the future development of the agricultural sector.

Prof. Bhawna Thakur, Head of the Department of Agriculture, emphasised the importance of educational visits in enhancing students' practical understanding of agriculture. She explained that field-based learning provides students with valuable opportunities to observe farming systems, understand agricultural practices, and connect theoretical knowledge with real-life situations. She also highlighted the growing importance of organic farming in promoting sustainable agriculture, conserving natural resources, and reducing the adverse environmental effects associated with excessive chemical inputs. She encouraged students to remain curious, develop scientific thinking, and learn about innovative approaches that can improve agricultural sustainability.

Prof. Harpreet Kaur supervised the educational visit and guided the students throughout the programme. The visit also encouraged students to appreciate the role of farmers in adopting responsible farming practices and contributing to environmental protection and sustainable food production.

The Department of Agriculture and the Agrarian Society expressed their sincere gratitude to **Mr. Gurjit Singh, owner of Saini Organic Farm**, for facilitating the educational visit and providing students with an opportunity to gain practical exposure to organic farming. The department reaffirmed its commitment to organising similar educational activities to enhance students' practical knowledge, encourage sustainable agricultural practices, and promote experiential learning.

Total participants: 50

