



Students of DBCA learn to graft

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Students of Don Bosco College of Agriculture (DBCA), Sulcorna held a demonstration on grafting, which was a part of their RAW (Rural Agricultural Work Experience) programme. Students were introduced to the importance of agriculture and the agricultural scenario of the village. They were put into groups of 10-15 students and taught different techniques of propagating plants. Many villagers of Dabhal have multi-storied cropping (kullaghar) and they grow

black pepper, hence students were taught 'V' shaped and inverted 'V' shaped grafting of black pepper. Grafting black pepper on piper colubrinum species prevents wilt disease in pepper.

Other demonstrations were softwood grafting of cashew, which entails grafting one-year-old cashew seedling; epicotyl grafting on two to three-week-old mango seedlings; mango softwood grafting; air layering on sapota and citrus and rose budding.

Students were allowed to graft under the supervision of agriculture students.