Swedish Research Scholars visit Global Institutes

Ms Jenni Nordenslejo”ld and Ms Lousie Valentin, two Swedish agriculture research scholars visited Global Institutes today. Ms. Nordenslejo”ld, an Agronomist in Food Science with a Post Graduate Degree from Swedish University of Agricultural Science, is working a Quality Assurance expert with Mc Donald’s in Sweden. Ms Valentine, also from the same University, is working as Researcher with Federation of Swedish Farmers, Sweden. The two research scholars are in India for two weeks to work on a project entitled “Food Chain in India from Farmer to Consumer”

The researchers interacted with the students from B.Sc (Agriculture) class for about half an hour. Ms Jenni was happy see quite a large number of girl students in agriculture stream which was traditionally considered to be boys area of study in India. The students answered many questions about major crops grown in Punjab. The visitors were asked about crops produced in Sweden where the winters are very long and the cultivable land is not in plenty. They visited the different labs in the campus and found them of quality comparable in advanced countries. They were also taken round a nearby orchard where Leechi, Guava and Pear fruits are cultivated. The Swedish scholars asked the Orchard owner about the variety of fruits grown, their annual yield, the cultivation cycle, the fertilizers used, the marketing strategy used by growers like him in the area. They also visited a local pea field where peas were being picked by female labour.

Their project is funded by Sweden Govt Scholarship Scheme. They will be in India for two weeks and in Amritsar for 3 days, one of which they have arranged to spend in a village with a local family so that they can have the real feel of rural life in Punjab.