



# Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology (IIAST) Integral University, Lucknow

## Report on Interactive Session

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, students and faculty from the Department of Agriculture at Integral University had the privilege of interacting with Dr. A Arunachalam, Assistant Director, General International Relations, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi.

Dr. Arunachalam, led an engaging interactive session on agricultural policies, highlighting the critical intersections between sustainable agriculture and policy frameworks. During the session, Dr. Arunachalam emphasized the importance of agroforestry in enhancing agricultural productivity while simultaneously addressing environmental concerns such as soil erosion, biodiversity loss, and climate change. He discussed various policy initiatives aimed at promoting agroforestry practices among farmers, including subsidies, technical training, and the integration of agroforestry into mainstream agricultural schemes. Dr. Arunachalam also touched on the challenges faced in policy implementation, such as inadequate awareness among farmers and the need for more robust infrastructure and market linkages to support agroforestry products. He advocated for a more holistic approach to agricultural policy that not only focuses on crop yields but also prioritizes environmental sustainability and rural livelihoods. The session concluded with a dynamic notes on policy execution, the role of technology in agroforestry, and the future of sustainable agriculture in India, leaving the attendees with a deeper understanding of the vital role that well-crafted agricultural policies play in fostering a resilient and sustainable agricultural sector.

The expert speaker meticulously addressed each query from the attendees, thoroughly clarifying all doubts. The session was met with enthusiasm, as the content was highly informative and directly applicable to the challenges faced in plant breeding programs. The event concluded with a warm vote of thanks, underscoring the value of the insights shared. It was clear that the program received strong support from all Department members, reflecting a collective commitment to advancing agricultural knowledge and practices.



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