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Brief Report

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ICFA Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Council Inaugurated & Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Integral University Joins Forces with ICFA: Pioneering Agricultural Advancement in Uttar Pradesh

We are pleased to announce that ICFA Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Council was launched on 29 June 2024 and Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Integral University is a member of the esteemed council, further strengthening our commitment to Agricultural development and education.

The event was a significant milestone for the agricultural community in Uttar Pradesh and was graced by several distinguished guests and speakers. **Shri Dinesh Pratap Singh**, Hon'ble Minister of Horticulture, Agriculture Exports, Marketing, and Foreign Trade, Government of Uttar Pradesh, was the Chief Guest. His presence and insights significantly elevated the importance of the event. Shri Dinesh Pratap Singh delivered the inaugural speech, emphasizing the critical role of agriculture in Uttar Pradesh's economy and the government's initiatives to promote agricultural exports and marketing. He also highlighted the importance of foreign trade in enhancing the agricultural sector's growth.

The keynote speakers who graced the event are

1. **Dr. M.J. Khan**, Chairman, ICFA (Indian Council of Food and Agriculture)
2. **Mr. Mukesh Singh**, Chairman, ICFA, Uttar Pradesh Council
3. **Dr. R. Vishwanath**, Director, ICAR- IISR (Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research)
4. **Dr. Ajit Kr. Shasny**, Director, CSIR -NBRI (National Botanical Research Institute)
5. **Mr. Virendra Pratap Singh**, Chairman, District Cooperative Bank, Lucknow
6. **Dr. Vijay Bahadur Dwivedi**, Director, Department of Horticulture, Govt. of U.P
7. **Ms. Gurpreet Kaur**, DGM, Agri- State Bank of India
8. **Ms. Sunita Aron**, Consulting Editor and former Executive Director, Hindustan Times
9. **Prof. (Dr) Mohammad Haris Siddiqui**, Registrar and Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Science and Technology, Integral University
10. **Dr. Shalini Singh Visen**, Director, Food and Agriculture Foundation, Amity University

The speakers provided an insightful session on the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in the agricultural sector, elaborating on ICFA's vision and mission to foster sustainable agricultural practices and enhance farmer's income. Each shared valuable insights from their respective fields, contributing to a rich and diverse dialogue on agricultural advancements and policies. **Dr M.J. Khan** discussed the specific initiatives and strategies of the ICFA Uttar Pradesh Council, focusing on regional agricultural development and collaboration with local stakeholders. The event featured discussions with experts from various fields related to



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agriculture, including agribusiness professionals, academicians, and government officials. These discussions provided a platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative dialogue on key agricultural issues. This occasion provided ample opportunities for networking, enabling participants to connect with industry leaders, policymakers, and fellow professionals.

The prestigious membership of IIAST signifies our commitment to advancing agricultural practices, research, and education in the state.. We will actively contribute to policy advocacy, ensuring that the perspectives of the academic community are represented in the formulation and implementation of agricultural policies. We are committed to community engagement, implementing outreach programs to support local farmers and disseminate valuable agricultural knowledge. Through this membership, IIAST will also have access to a vast network of industry leaders, policymakers, and researchers, enabling us to collaborate on significant projects and initiatives. The role and responsibilities that come with being a member of the ICFA Uttar Pradesh State Council align perfectly with our mission to contribute to the agricultural sector's growth and sustainability.

Glimpses of Event





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