

REPORT OF DEBATE COMPETITION ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE AEGIS OF UNAI

DEBATE COMPETITION ON “Will Organic Agriculture alone be able to sustain the demands of growing population?”

A debate competition was organized by the Student Welfare Committee and Cultural and Literary Committee of Department of Agriculture, (IIAST), Integral University, Lucknow, under the aegis of United Nation academic impact (UNAI) on 15th of November 2022 in the Seminar Hall, Department of Agriculture, IIAST from 2:30PM-3:30PM. The topic of competition was “Will organic agriculture alone be able to sustain the demands of growing population?”. The aforesaid topic synergizes with the “UNAI Principle 9: A commitment to promoting sustainability through education”. The undergraduate and postgraduate students participated in this program and the program was judged by Dr. Asma Farooque, Incubation Manager, CIED, Dr. Abhishek Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of Law and Dr. Malik Mobeen Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, Integral University

The programme began with an introductory session, proceeding to statement description, refutation and confirmation. The Organic farming mandates meeting the complete nutrient requirement of the crop only through permitted organic inputs and pest management by non-chemical methods. The main aim for conducting this program was to educate the students and scholars about multiple prospects of organic farming, it instantaneously is pertinent to UNAI Principle 9: A commitment to promoting sustainability through education. The students refuted in favor of reduced need of fertilizer from crop rotation, natural cut wind barrier (low pollution, low cost), reduced need of pesticide from multiculture, biodiversity (low pollution, low cost), reduced erosion from natural cut wind barrier and smallest plots (higher productivity), high biodiversity from crop rotation, natural wind cut barrier and multiculture, reduced vulnerability to disease and pest from crop rotation, smallest plots, multiculture and high biodiversity. The other group stated that the reduced output in comparison to intensive exploitation may need more diversified mechanized material to ensure multiculture (but smaller than intensive exploitation).

Ms. Vaishnavi Gupta, B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture, 3rd year student had vividly anchored the debate program. Around 70 students attended the program. The participants were Mr. Saujanya, Ms. Sakshi Kumari, Mr. Sumit Singh, Ms. Ayushi Yadav, Mr. Ayush Kumar Sinha, Mr. Rudresh Mishra, Ms. KratikaSrivatava, Mr. Danyal Hussain and Mr. Alhaji Burrow.

The program concluded on a remark that Organic farming is useful as well as it also has some ill effects. The program was successfully coordinated and conducted by Dr. Faria Fatima, Dr. Ayush Bhushan, Dr. Satish Yadav, Dr. P. Smriti Rao, Members- IIAST Student Welfare Committee and Cultural and Literary Committee. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture to the authorities, speakers, students, and to the organizing team. It was a knowledge gaining session for the students and the faculty members as well.

Pictures of the Debate Competition Program, 15th November 2022

