

**A Brief Report on plantation drive themed, “Harmony with Nature”
organized by the Department of Bioengineering and Integral Institute of
Agricultural Science and Technology on 23 March 2022.**

Dear All,

Integral University is dedicated to securing and maintaining a clean, green, and pollution-free campus, ensuring the quality of life in a nature-friendly environment. Planting trees has been a sustained drive of the University involving students, teachers, officers, support staff, and other stakeholders. The entire campus has a canopy of plants which includes orchards, floras, flowering trees and shrubs, hard-wood trees, etc. To maintain this clean green environment, the plantation drive-themed, “Harmony with Nature” was organized by the Department of Bioengineering and Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology (IIAST) on 23rd March 2022 in the instructional Farm of IIAST.

The objective of this drive was not only to enhance the plants covered on the campus but moreover to sensitize the students about economic protection and in turn become responsible citizens. In this program, students of various courses came up with their choice of plants and were made to plant a sampling of plants/trees at the designated place. They were also evaluated based on their knowledge about various aspects of the selected plants and the measures to be taken for maintaining the plantation. Dr. Tarique Mahmood Ansari (Department of Pharmacy), Professor Iffat Zareen (Department of Bioengineering), and Dr. Swati Singh (Department of Biosciences) judged the student’s knowledge about the plants and chose the best 3 among the 25 students. As per the evaluation of judges, Mr. Gaurav Kumar of B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture was adjudged the best among all, while Ms. Shubi Shrivastava and Akanksha Singh, both of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture was adjudged first and second runner up, respectively. 25 plants were planted on the occasion, which included a diverse variety of Plants. The students took the responsibility of nurturing their plants.

The event was well organized by the faculty coordinators Dr. Usman Sayeed and Dr. Owais Yousuf and the student coordinators.

