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Brief Report on "Honouring Mothers, Nurturing Nature: IIAST and Dean Students' Welfare Office of Integral University's Green Initiative" Inspired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's nationwide "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign

"*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*" is a government initiative in India aimed at promoting tree plantation and environmental conservation. The initiative encourages individuals and communities to plant a tree in the name of their mother, symbolizing the nurturing and protective role that mothers play, much like trees do for the environment. The Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology (IIAST), Integral University in collaboration with the Office of Dean Students' Welfare, successfully organized a plantation drive at Instructional Farm Unit 5 on July 20, 2024. This Plantation Campaign was inspired by the government initiative "*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*," which aims to promote environmental sustainability and honour mothers by planting trees in their name. This initiative aligns with the broader goals of enhancing green cover, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility among students and faculty and contributing to the global efforts against climate change.

The "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative is significant for several reasons. Firstly, it highlights the vital role of trees in maintaining ecological balance, providing oxygen, improving air quality, conserving water and supporting wildlife. By dedicating trees to mothers, the initiative also adds a personal and emotional dimension, encouraging individuals to participate actively in environmental conservation. It fosters a culture of respect and gratitude towards nature and our parents, emphasizing the interconnectedness of human and environmental health.

The Plantation Drive was observed under the guidance of Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui, Director, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology and Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture, IIAST. The faculty coordinators Mr. Nadeem Khan, Dr. Satish Yadav, Dr. Shipra Yadav and Dr. Abhineet along with supporting staff Mr. Suraj Awasthi, Farm Manager Mr. Abhijeet and students of B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture contributed to the success of the event. During the plantation drive, students, faculty and staff from the Department of Agriculture came together to plant a diverse range of saplings. The event saw enthusiastic participation, with individuals planting trees and committing to their upkeep. The choice of Instructional Farm Unit 5 as the venue was strategic, showcasing the university's commitment to integrating practical agricultural education with environmental stewardship. The Office of Dean Student Welfare played a pivotal role in organizing and coordinating the event, ensuring

that all necessary resources were available and that the participants were well-guided throughout the process. This collaborative effort not only enhanced the green cover of the university campus but also provided a hands-on learning experience for students, reinforcing the importance of sustainable practices in agriculture and everyday life.

Glimpses of the Plantation Drive

