



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

Report on

**Workshop on “Financial Independence through Women-Led Enterprise” Organized by
the Department of Agriculture, Integral Institute of Agricultural Science & Technology
(IIAST), Integral University, Lucknow**

March 16, 2026

The Department of Agriculture, Integral University, organized a workshop titled “Financial Independence through Women-Led Enterprise” as part of the celebration of International Women’s Day, with a special focus on imparting practical training and entrepreneurial skills to women farmers, thereby promoting financial independence and sustainable livelihood opportunities. The program aimed to promote women’s entrepreneurship and financial empowerment while aligning with the global vision of Sustainable Development Goal 1 – No Poverty, Sustainable Development Goal 5 – Gender Equality, and Sustainable Development Goal 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth.

The workshop featured expert demonstrations designed to encourage sustainable and income-generating enterprise opportunities. Dr. Daya Srivastava, Scientist at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Katia, conducted practical demonstrations on the preparation of biopesticides and herbal soaps. He highlighted eco-friendly pest management practices and simple value-added product preparation techniques that can be easily adopted by rural communities and women entrepreneurs. His session emphasized the potential of locally available resources for developing low-cost, sustainable enterprises that contribute to both environmental sustainability and livelihood generation.

Another informative session was delivered by Dr. Kamini Singh, Director Dr. Moringa, who shared insights on entrepreneurship opportunities and the role of natural products in developing women-led enterprises. She encouraged participants to explore innovative and sustainable business ideas based on locally available resources. The workshop effectively linked practical skill development with the broader objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals by empowering women with knowledge and entrepreneurial skills.

The workshop was conducted under the guidance of Dean Prof. Mohd Harris Siddique and, Prof. Saba Siddiqui, Head, Department of Agriculture whose leadership and support were instrumental in the successful organization of the event.



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The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from women farmers, entrepreneurs and faculty members. The program was smoothly coordinated by Dr. Faria Fatima, Dr. Deepti Srivastava, Dr. P. Smriti Rao, Dr. Srishti Thakur, Dr. Ruquaiya Bano, Dr. Pallavi Srivastava, Dr. Munny Chinyo, Dr. Riya Mehrotra, Dr. Usman Sayeed, Dr. Khalid Habib, Dr. Abdul Mazeed, and Dr. Aman Verma, along with the supporting staff Ms. Rizwana, Mrs. Rekha, Dr. Mueed and Mr. Faisal Kirmani. Through this initiative, Integral University reaffirmed its commitment to promoting women empowerment, sustainable livelihood opportunities, and community-oriented skill development in alignment with global development goals.

