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Isha Agroforestry Organizes Seminar on Intercropping

22 December 2019, Erode: Isha Agro Forestry organized a one-day seminar on intercropping between trees and how this could significantly increase farmer income, today at Mevani Taluk, Erode District. More than 700 farmers from across the state participated. Many successful agrofarmers who were part of the panel shared their experiences with the participants.

Isha Agroforestry coordinator Shri. Tamilmaran, addressing the gathering, said "The only way to improve farmer's income and prevent farmer suicide is through agroforestry."

Shri. Senthil Kumar, a pioneer agroforestry farmer in whose farm the seminar was organized, spoke about how agroforestry has made a positive impact on his farmland and has boosted his income significantly. It is noteworthy that Shri. Senthil Kumar is one of the 70,000 farmers who successfully converted to agroforestry with Isha's guidance.

Shri. Ganeshan, a successful Red Sanders farmer from Uthangarai spoke about value addition and market opportunities and Shri. Valluvan, a farmer from Pollachi shared his ideas on innovative agricultural models. Shri. Muthukumar, trainer for Isha Agroforestry extolled the virtues of natural farming.

Following the seminar, the participants were taken on a farm visit after which their queries were answered by the panelists in a question and answer session.

Isha Agro Forestry

Isha Agroforestry educates farmers about sustainable land use that maintains and increases total yield by combining food crops and tree-based crops. Farmers are encouraged to plant a combination of fruit, fodder and timber trees in the periphery of their farmland.

Designed to bring tree-based agriculture back to the heart of Indian farming through the agroforestry model, Isha Agroforestry guides farmers in choosing the right mix of trees and crops.

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