



Cornell Sathguru Foundation  
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*Towards social sustainable development*



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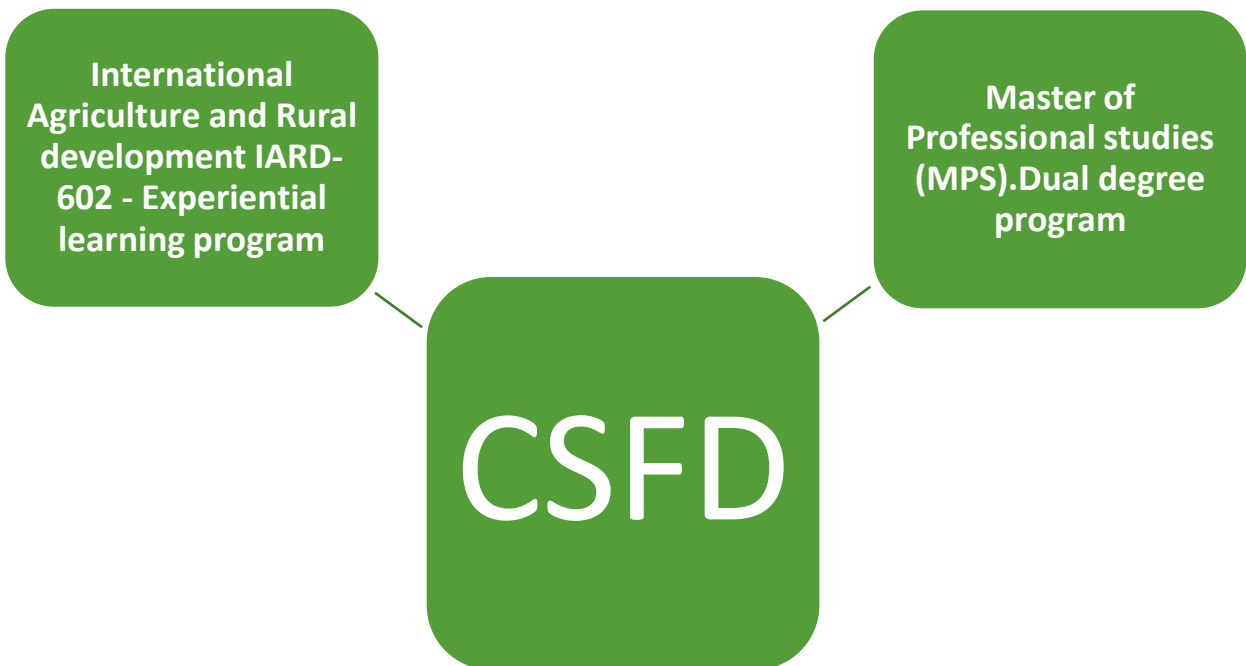
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## About Cornell Sathguru Foundation for Development (CSFD)

**CSFD** is the corporate social responsibility arm of Sathguru Management Consultants Hyderabad. The foundation was registered under the Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act 2001, India, in the year 2005. CSFD was formerly known as Sathguru Foundation and was later renamed in the year 2007. CSFD was established in collaboration with Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

The foundation was established with a vision to facilitate sustainable social development through life sciences and technology. Since its inception, CSFD has been predominantly working towards sustainable agriculture and development by enhancing capacities, knowledge creation, promoting entrepreneurship and gender equity. CSFD has been actualizing this in collaboration with Cornell University and other State Agricultural Universities (SAUs). CSFD has, so far, nurtured over 500 skilled human resource who are currently instrumental in generating new technologies and disseminating to the farming community in India.

CSFD has been continuously working to link agriculture to green economy and empower farmers, women and youth with livelihood and entrepreneurship skills. CSFD has been improving the competencies of faculties, students and extension workers through academics, training, intensive exposure and experiential learning programs. The key programs include:



## About Cornell

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*Cornell University is one of the best universities in the world for Agriculture, Food Science research and Education. Cornell University is recognized as one of the model universities for interweaving liberal education and fundamental knowledge with practical education and impact on societal and world problems. At the core of the initiative is innovation in teaching and learning through shared practices that connect students, faculty and curricula with communities in the public realm across the globe.*

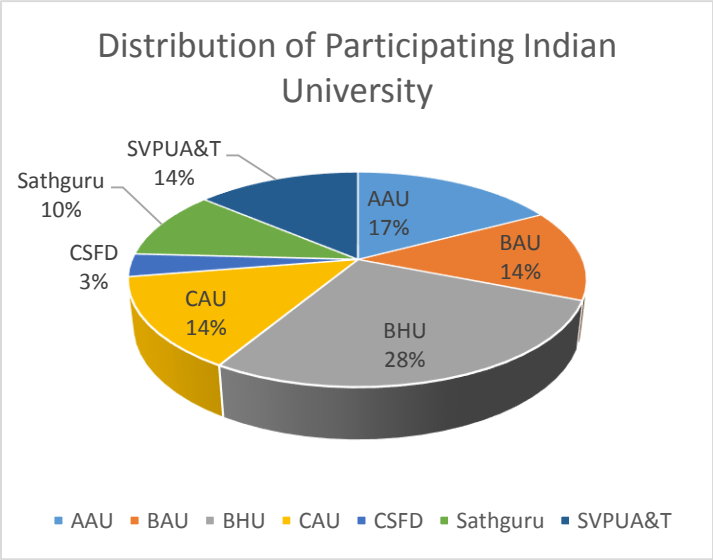
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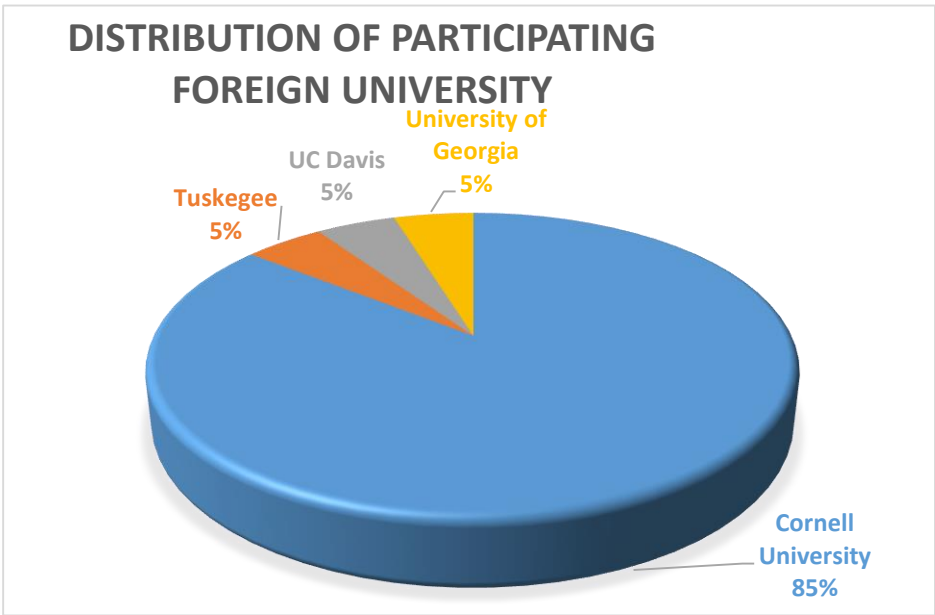
*Sathguru Management Consultants, Hyderabad, India, has been in existence for over 30 years and is known globally for its expertise in science management, technology management, enterprise incubation, institutional capacity creation and policy advocacy. Over the years, Sathguru has built a very unique niche of experts with combined strength in science and technology research management and enterprise management. This has provided Sathguru the ability to excel in technology management, corporate strategy planning process and institutional capacity building. Sathguru has a wide global presence in several countries such as America, Africa, several parts of the South Asian region and the Pacific.*

# International Agriculture and Rural Development, IARD-602 - Experiential learning program

IARD 2013 program had 71 students and faculties from a range of national and Indian universities. This batch had 41% of students from Indian agricultural universities and 59% from foreign universities. The students had opted for agricultural systems, value addition and rural infrastructure as thematic areas of study. To facilitate the learning, students were taken to various government and private institutions working on the specific thematic areas for exposure. This program helped students to gain in-



depth knowledge, and a first hand practical experience with field visits to various research institutes, NGOs, state agricultural universities. They also attended lectures on rural development delivered by experienced faculty and industry speakers. The students from the Indian universities and agencies include: Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Bihar Agricultural University (BAU) Central agricultural university (CAU), Vallabhai Patel University of agriculture and technology (SVPUA&T), Cornell Sathguru Foundation for Development (CSFD) and Sathguru Management Consultants.



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## Our Partners

### Academic partners - India

1. Central Agricultural University (CAU)
2. Banaras Hindu University, (BAU) Varanasi
3. State agricultural universities
  - a. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, (SVPUA&T) Meerut
  - b. Rajendra Agricultural University
  - c. Bihar Agricultural University (BAU)
  - d. Assam Agricultural University (AAU), Jorhat
  - e. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)
  - f. University of Agricultural Sciences–Dharwad
  - g. Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), – Andhra Pradesh
  - h. Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture Technology
  - i. Assam Agricultural University

### Academic partners - International

1. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
2. Ohio State University, Ohio
3. Tuskegee University, Alabama
4. University of California, Davis
5. University of Georgia, Athens
6. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and private enterprises
7. Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council

### Technical partners

1. Tata Chemicals Limited
2. John Deere
3. Sathguru Management Consultants

### Funding partners

1. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
2. Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF)
3. Borlaug Global Rust Initiative – (BGRI)
4. Sathguru Management Consultants Private Limited
5. Navabhai Ratan Tata Trust (NRTT)



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