Assam Agricultural University (AAU), in collaboration with partner institutions, has launched the initiative titled *Sustainable Crop Intensification of Rice-Fallow Areas in Assam*. The project aims to bring approximately 1,000 hectares of rice-fallow land across 22 districts under maize cultivation, promoting better utilisation of agricultural land beyond the traditional paddy-growing season.

The initiative was launched through a workshop jointly organised by AAU and ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research, Ludhiana. Dr Mrinal Saikia has been appointed as the project's nodal officer to coordinate efforts towards expanding maize cultivation in the state.

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