

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science

World Food Day Celebration 2021

16 October 2021

World Food Day 2021 was celebrated in an online mode at ICAR Indian Institute of Soil Science on **16th October 2021**. On this occasion, Dr Ashok K.Patra, Director, ICAR IISS graced the occasion as Chief Guest along with scientists, staff of the institute and progressive farmers. In his address, Dr. Patra has expressed his concerns on Global Hunger Index and emphasized on food security and reducing hunger of the world in general and India in particular. He has elaborated on the importance of safe food for healthier tomorrow. He has augmented scientists, farmers and all other stakeholders to become food heroes and work towards the nutritional and livelihood security of the under privileged sections of the society. He has urged everyone to commit sincerely towards mass awareness on food and nutritional security. Earlier Dr AB Singh, HoD (SB) briefed about the significance of the event and requested everyone to contribute towards better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life to reduce global hunger as well as poverty. Dr AK Biswas, HoD (SCF) elaborated on contribution of agriculture sector in the GDP of the nation and linkage of food-famine-hunger including household nutritional security. Dr JK Saha, HoD (ESS) spoke on nutritional security and its importance in relation to reduced soil pollution. Dr P. Dey, PC (AICRP-STCR) gave an account of ancient agriculture and availability, access, utility and stability issues of the food security system. The role of biofertilizers in management of soil pollution was emphasized by Dr SR Mohanty, NC (AINP-SBB). Progerssive farmers Sh Suresh Madhav and Sh Arjun Pipaliya spoke on the occasion and lauded the efforts of the institute towards improving soil health, system productivity and livelihood security. Dr R Elanchezhian, I/c PME Cell, coordinated the event and proposed vote of thanks at the end of the program.

