

Workshop on “Microplastic-House Hold Survey” of GCRF-UKRI funded project organized

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal, organized two day (16 - 17th August, 2022) workshop on “Microplastic - House Hold Survey” of GCRF-UKRI funded project entitled “*Do agricultural micro plastics undermine food security and sustainable development in less economically developed countries?*” at Bhopal. In his introductory speech Dr Ashok K Patra, Director, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal, highlighted the importance of poly-mulching in crop production and also stressed that the farming community should be aware of micro-plastic pollution in soil-water-plant continuum. The whole project team Dr. Tapan Adhikari, Dr. Joyti Thakur, Dr. Asit Mandal along with the Head of the respective Division Dr. Ajy, Dr. A. B. Singh and other administrative officers actively participated in the workshop. Dr. Mondira Bhattacharya, Senior Research officer, Reading University, UK elaborated the importance of the project work to the stakeholders and guided the project team to formulate the plan to collect data on *House Hold Survey*. She also trained and explained the team about “*Kobo Tool Box*” software package to develop database of the farmers using poly-mulching/poly-house in crop production. The whole project team also visited different villages surrounding Bhopal and interacted with the farmers during collection of the pertinent data regarding poly-mulching and micro-plastic pollution in agricultural field. The workshop was concluded with a formal vote of thanks. (Source: ICAR- Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh).

