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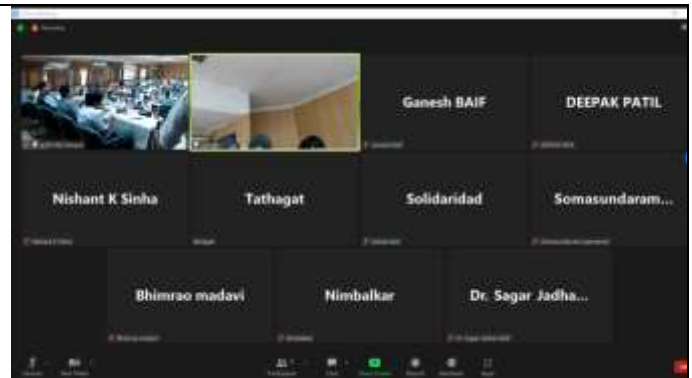
Report on organization of National Campaign on Efficient and Balanced Use of Fertilizer (including Nano-Fertilizers)

21 June 2022

A National Campaign on Efficient and Balanced Use of Fertilizer (including nano-fertilizers) was organized by ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science on 21 June 2022. The program was attended by about 100 farmers from Khajuri, Shahpura, Begonia, Jhapdiya, Bharopura, Charpahadi, Pipliya, Kanera, Raipur, Kuthar and Karond Khurd villages from nearby villages around Bhopal physically and 100 farmers in virtual mode. Dr AK Biswas, HoD (SCF) & organizing secretary welcomed the all the participants and briefed about the objective to organize the National Campaign on Efficient and Balanced Fertilizer use. On this occasion, Dr SK Chaudhari, DDG NRM, ICAR New Delhi graced the occasion as Chief Guest of the Campaign. He elaborately dealt how the fertilizer use got converted to misuse which ultimately lead to degradation of soil and water resources and produce quality. He appealed to the farmers to apply fertilizers and manures in a balanced manner to get the maximum benefits and to keep the environment cleaner. In his remarks, Dr. AK Patra, Director ICAR-IISS Bhopal emphasized on the use of balanced fertilizer for sustaining soil health and crop productivity. Dr Rajesh Kumar, In-charge Director, ATARI, Guwahati, Assam also discussed with farmers about use of balanced fertilizer and increasing interest of farmers towards nano-urea. Dr. PK Singh, Principal Scientist, Directorate of Weed Management, talked in detail on the importance of balanced use of fertilisers along with conservation agriculture practices to stop residue burning and use the nutrient in the residues for improving soil health. He also shared his experiences on conservation agriculture undertaken by farmers in different parts of MP. Dr. Rajrshi Roy Burman, Principal Scientist ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, expressed in details about the use efficiency of different macro and micro nutrient elements. He shared the experiences on use of liquid fertilizers developed by IARI and encouraged the farmers to use these formulations in their fields. On this occasion 7 pamphlets were also released on various aspects of efficient and balanced fertilizer use along with a Video film on this issue (<https://youtube.com/watch?v=ojQH5kfKmgc&feature=share>). The program was co-ordinated by Dr. Brij Lal Lakaria, Principal Scientist. Dr. AK Vishwakarma, Principal Scientist proposed formal vote of thanks.

Besides, the National Campaign was simultaneously organized and attended by AICRPs and CRP on CA centres throughout the country. Also some of the NGOs like BIAF and Solidaridad also took initiative to be a part of this National Campaign. In all there were about **3500** participants including farmers, students and other stake holders.







Participation summary: ICAR IISS Bhopal including AICRPs/AINP/CRP and NGOs

S. No	Name of the centre	Date of activity	Name of Nodal Officer (s)	No. of Staff members participated	No. of Dignitaries	Farmers	Members of civil society	School / college children	Total
1	IISS Bhopal	21-06-2022	Dr. AK Biswas	50	5	300			355
2	AICRP - LTFE		Dr. AK Patra	33	4	60	10	50	157
3	AICRP - STCR		Dr. Pradip Dey	161	157	2063	87	591	3329
4	AICRP - MSN		Dr. AK Shukla	150	20	883	10		1063
5	AINP - BNF		Dr. SR Mohanty	15	10	150			175
6	CRP on CA		Dr. AK Biswas	129	19	493	16	103	760
7	BIAF (NGO)		Mr. Ganesh Badre	8		30			38
8	Solidaridad (NGO)		Mr. Suresh Motwani	7		250			257
	Total			823	215	4229	123	744	6134