

## **Three days training programme on ‘Climate Information for Disaster Resilient Agriculture’ concludes at ICAR-IISS, Bhopal on 20 May 2022**

*Dr Rajesh Kapur, Vice- Chancellor, Peoples University graced the occasion of valedictory function of three days training programme*

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ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science (IISS), Bhopal in collaboration with National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI and Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Bhopal centre jointly organized 3 days training programme on “Climate Information for Disaster Resilient Agriculture” from 18 - 20 May, 2022. In the valedictory function, [Dr. Rajesh Kapur, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor](#), People’s University, Bhopal was the Chief Guest of the function and Dr. M. Mohapatra, DGM (IMD), also joined the occasion in online mode. The programme started with briefing the gathering about the 3 days training programme, its outcome, deliberations during the training by [Dr. Somasundaram Jayaraman](#), Pr. Scientist and Organizing Secretary of the training programme. It was followed by brief feed back by the participants. [Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Director, IMD](#), Bhopal Centre discussed very briefly about the importance of the meteorological database for weather forecasting disaster in agriculture and how the output from the said training could be used in the respective working field of the participants. Professor Anil K. Gupta, from NIDM, New Delhi had briefly talked about the [Dr. M Mohapatra, DGM, IMD](#), importance of this training programme for the participants and usefulness of the same when applied practically. [Dr. Ashok K. Patra, Director, ICAR-IISS](#), Bhopal discussed about the manner in which recently we face the weather variability in agriculture and need for precise weather forecasting for coping with weather vagaries vis-à-vis climate resilient agriculture. He emphasized that we need to apply the varied knowledge of climate resilient agriculture for the livelihood security of the farmers. He desired for much more collaboration in the area of climate resilience and disaster management with NIDM and IMD in near future and thanked the participants for their active involvement and organizing committee for all the efforts. Earlier, [Dr. M Mohapatra, DGM, IMD](#), had briefed about the area in which IMD is working and how the forecasting could be better utilized for predicting any disaster so that precautionary measures could be taken in advance. He thanked all the organizers for conducting this very important training programme in timely manner. [Dr. Rajesh Kapur, Hon’ble VC, People’s University](#), Bhopal had given the valedictory remarks by linking soil health management with plant, human and environmental aspects. [Dr Kapur](#) has cited biotechnological and bioengineering tools for addressing the issue of malnutrition and how we could manage our soil at the scenario of climate change. He briefed the audience, about the govt. efforts to tackle the issue of food shortage, crop diversification and climate change. Lastly, [Dr Kapur](#) thanked all the institutions for arranging this training programmes in a nice manner and hope for more such efforts in near future. Then the participants were given certificates by the Chief Guest and dignitaries. About 50 participants represent KVK, IMD, NIDM and DAMU have participated in the training programme. In the valedictory session about 100 staffs including Scientists, research scholars, RA, SRF, and YPs were participated. The programme ended by formal vote of thanks from Dr. Mamta Yadav, Scientist, IMD, Bhopal Centre.

