

**ICAR- INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCE, BHOPAL ORGANIZED KRISHI MELA CUM**  
**KRISHAK SANGHOSTI ON SOIL HEALTH AND PLANT NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AT**  
**ASPIRATIONAL TRIBAL DISTRICT RAJNANDGAON, CHHATTISGARH**

ICAR- Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal (M.P.) organised Krishi Mela cum Krishak Sangosthi on Soil Health and Plant Nutrient Management during 27-29 Feb 2024 at KVK Surgi, Rajnandgaon district, Chhattisgarh. Shri Santosh Pandey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Rajnandgaon graced



the Krishi Mela cum Krishak Sangosthi as Chief Guest on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 and emphasised on importance of organic, natural farming practices and integrated plant nutrient management for enhancing crop productivity and soil health. Shri Sanjay Agarwal, District Collector Rajnandgaon graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and interacted with the farmers on various aspects of livelihood improvement. During this occasion, 10 quintals seed of summer green gram variety Shikha (IPM 410-3) and 150 numbers of Hindi book entitled “समग्र कृषि : समृद्ध किसान” were distributed to tribal farmers. The Krishak Sangosthi on Soil Health and Plant Nutrient Management was addressed by Dr. R. Elanchezhian, Dr. Prabhat Tripathi, Dr. M. Vassanda Coumar, Dr. Nisha Sahu, Dr Narayan Lal and Dr Dinesh Kumar Yadav (ICAR-IISS, Bhopal); Shri. Komal Singh Rajput, Pradesh Mahamantri, Kisan Morcha, Rajnandgaon; Shri B. S. Sahu, ICAR GB member, Dr. Gunjan Jha (Head, KVK Rajnandgaon), Dr. Anjali Ghratlehre, Dr Atul Dange, Mr. Manish Kumar Singh and Dr Yogendra Shriwas (KVK Rajnandgaon), Shri Anand Sahu, Sarpanch Surgi, Rajnandgaon. Development functionaries like Deputy Director Agriculture and state department officials participated in the program and sensitized the farmers about the various govt schemes. Altogether 300 tribal farmers including progressive farmers attended the Krishi Mela cum Krishak Sangosthi. Thereafter on 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024, an On-Farm training was conducted at Malpuri village, Rajnandgaon district, wherein 50 tribal farmers participated. The scientific team of IISS Bhopal visited the on farm-demonstrations and emphasized the importance of soil health and modern techniques in crop production for enhancing farm income and livelihood. The events were given a wide coverage in the local press and media.



