

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION ICAR-IISS

The women's cell of ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science organized the International Women's Day program on 7 March 2024. A one-day training cum exposure visit was organized to sensitize and train the farm women on "Recycling and Reuse of Agro-waste for Sustainable Agriculture" About 150 farm women, including the scientist and technical staff of the Institute, participated in the program.

Dr. Sangeeta Lenka, the chairperson of Women Cell (ICAR-IISS), introduced the Chief Guest, Mrs. Padmapriya Balakrishnan (IFS), Director Van Vihar, Bhopal, to the audience and emphasized the need to invest in women farmers, not just for their sake but for the collective prosperity of our nation. To harness their potential, unleash their creativity, and empower them to shape a brighter future for future generations.

The Chief Guest, Mrs. Padmapriya Balakrishnan (IFS), in her address on the theme "Invest in Women Accelerate Progress," highlighted the need to invest in women because of her crucial role in conserving and preserving forests and wildlife through her involvement in sustainable resource management, community education, and advocacy for environmental protection. She also reported farm women's contribution to nurturing biodiversity, implementing conservation strategies, and fostering a deeper connection between local communities and nature. Dr. Siba Prasad Datta, Director, ICAR-IISS, addressed the need to invest in empowering farm women through different capacity building, training programs, and exposure visits to achieve sustainable development goals. The program ended with felicitating and honoring a few progressive farm women and achievers from different fields with a memento and bouquet.











