

## **Research Advisory Committee Meeting of ICAR-IIWM held during 27-28 January 2023**

The first meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of ICAR-IIWM was held during 27-28 January 2023. Renowned Expert in Agricultural Water Management of the country Dr. Alok Kumar Sikka, who is also IWMI Indian Country Representative and Former DDG (NRM) presided over the meeting as the Chairman, RAC. Besides him, ADG (SWM), ICAR Dr. A. Velmurugan and other Members of RAC also attended the RAC Meeting. On 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023, there was presentation on Action Taken Report on Recommendations of last RAC and Research Highlights of ICAR-IIWM. Prior to start of the Meeting, Plantation drive was undertaken by Chairman and Members of RAC in ICAR-IIWM Campus. Member Dr. S. K. Pattanaik attended the meeting physically, whereas Members Dr. Amit Kar and Dr. B. S. Yadav attended the meeting in virtual mode. Initially, Director, ICAR-IIWM welcomed and felicitated Chairman and Members of RAC. This was followed by Introductory remarks of Chairman and Members, RAC. After that, Chairman Dr. Alok Kumar Sikka released two recent publications of ICAR-IIWM. Dr. A. Sarangi, Director, ICAR-IIWM made the overview presentation of the institute. Dr. S. Mohanty, Principal Scientist and Member Secretary presented the Action Taken Report on the Recommendations of the last RAC, which was accepted by the house. This was followed by Program level presentation of significant research achievements by respective Program Leaders. Dr. R. K. Panda made presentations for Canal Water Management Program, Dr. S. K. Rautaray made presentations for Rainwater Management Program, Dr. S. K. Jena made presentations for Groundwater Management Program, and Dr. M. Raychaudhuri made presentations for On-farm Technology Dissemination Program. This was followed by Presentation of Research highlights of AICRP on IWM by Dr. S. Mohanty and Presentation of Research highlights of Agri-CRP on Water by Dr. S. K. Jena. Finally, there was discussion and concluding remarks by Chairman and Members of RAC. In the concluding remarks, the Chairman and Members expressed satisfaction over the research work undertaken by ICAR-IIWM. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Member Secretary Dr. S. Mohanty.

On 28<sup>th</sup> January, ADG (SWM) Dr. A. Velmurugan and Member Dr. S. K. Pattanaik visited the Research farm of ICAR-IIWM (Mendhashal) along with Director Dr. A. Sarangi and Scientists of ICAR-IIWM. The Scientists having ongoing experiments in the research farm explained their research activities. The Members interacted, advised and expressed their satisfaction pertaining to experiments carried out in the Research Farm of ICAR-IIWM.

