

Biennial Scientists Meet of AICRP on Irrigation Water Management Organized at ICAR-IIWM

The Biennial Scientists Meet of AICRP on Irrigation Water Management was organized at ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management, Bhubaneswar during 24-26 June 2020 through video conferencing. Honorable Director General, ICAR and Secretary, DARE, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra graced Inaugural Function of the Scientists Meet as Chief Guest and addressed the delegates. While suggesting researchable issues on various aspects of water management, he stressed the need to focus on Honourable Prime Ministers slogan on “More crop per drop”. Deputy Director General (NRM) Dr. S. K. Chaudhari also graced the occasion as Guest of Honor and addressed the delegates. Initially, Dr. Atmaram Mishra, Director, ICAR-IIWM welcomed all the dignitaries and gave a brief introduction about the history of AICRP on IWM and its present themes of research. Dr. Prabhakar Nanda, Principal Scientist briefly talked about the activities of the AICRP on IWM.

During the three days of deliberations, research achievements of the 26 AICRP centers for the year 2019-2020 were presented by the respective Chief Scientists in six Technical Sessions. New research proposals were also presented by them. In order to make improvements and fine tune the research outputs and proposals, six prominent expert members in the field of irrigation water management (Dr P.K. Sharma, Former VC, SKUST, Jammu; Dr P.S. Minhas, Former Director, NIASM, Baramati; Dr D.K. Sharma, Former Director, CSSRI, Karnal; Dr. S.K. Gupta, Former Head, CSSRI, Karnal; Dr R.B. Singhandhupe, Former Head, CICR, Nagpur; and Dr. S.D. Gorantiwar, Prof. and Head, MPKV, Rahuri) were invited to the biennial meet. Each one of them chaired a technical session and gave their technical inputs and suggestions during the three days period.

The Plenary Session of the Biennial Scientists Meet was held on 26th June evening. The Deputy Director General (NRM), Dr. S. K. Chaudhari graced the occasion as Chief Guest and addressed the delegates. He emphasized on digitization of the old reports, development of state specific water management plan, Need for opening of new Centres, development of regional scale studies and recasting of the present research themes. The Assistant Director Generals Dr. S. Bhaskar and Dr. Adlul Islam also graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. Dr. Atmaram Mishra, Director, ICAR-IIWM delivered the concluding remarks, whereas Dr. Prabhakar Nanda, Principal Scientist delivered the brief proceedings of the Workshop. The Biennial Scientists Meet ended with Vote of Thanks by Dr. S. Mohanty, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIWM.



(Fig.1 : Snapshot of Inagural Session)



(Fig.2 : Snapshot of Inagural Session)



(Fig.3 : Snapshot of Plenary Session)



(Fig. 4 : Snapshot of Plenary Session)