

ICAR-IIWM and DSCWD, Govt. of Odisha embark on a New Collaboration

A Memorandum of understanding (MoU) for implementation of world bank assisted programme on “Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development” (REWARD: Odisha) was signed between Directorate of Soil Conservation & Watershed Development (DSC&WD), Agriculture & Farmers’ Empowerment Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar and ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management (IIWM), Bhubaneswar on 28th February 2022 at OUAT, Bhubaneswar to carry out the research as a Hydrology Technical Partner. The MoU was signed in presence of the Vice Chancellor, OUAT; Deans of different colleges of OUAT; Director, ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar; Director, Joint Directors and other officials of DSCWD, Govt. of Odisha; Heads, Principal investigators and scientists of IIWM, OUAT, ORSAC and other organizations. Dr. Atmaram Mishra, Director, ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar and Mr. Hemanta Kumar Panda, Director, DSCWD, Govt of Odisha signed the MoU. Dr. S.K. Jena (PI), Dr. A.K. Nayak (AO I/C) and Mr. J. Biswal (FAO), ICAR-IIWM were also present in MoU signing meeting.

The project “Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD)” would be operated for developing improved database and scientific watershed plans, as well as few sites to establish model watersheds on saturation approach. The project development objective (PDO) is to improve land and water conservation and climate resilience in selected watersheds, and strengthen capacities of national and state institutions to deliver more effective science-based watershed development program. The collaboration is related to providing comprehensive hydrologic assessment and monitoring for science-based watershed planning and management in selected districts in Odisha for a period of five years.

