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Subject: Report of Day-8 (23.12.2022) on celebration ‘*Kisan Diwas*’ by ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar – reg.

As part of *Swachhta Pakhwada* celebration, ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar observed National Farmers’ Day (*Kisan Diwas*) on 23rd December, 2022 at *Hansapada* village of Nimapara in Puri district in order to recognise contribution of farmers to agricultural growth and food security in the country. Over 125 farmers and farm women from nearby villages of Nimapara block attended the programme. At the outset, Dr. H.K. Dash welcomed the participants and briefed about the importance of the *Kisan Diwas* and its theme for the year 2022. He also informed the participants about the on-going activities of ICAR-IIWM in the locality in the domains of resource conservation and crop diversification for enhancing income of farmers and need for cooperation between resource endowed and resource poor farmers. Dr. B.K. Sethy sensitized the participants about the urgency of water conservation in the face of increasing water scarcity, and discussed some of the methods such as creating small water harvesting structures, renovation of ponds for harvesting rainwater for its multiple uses. Dr. B.S. Satapathy informed the participants about celebration of the International Year of Millets 2023 and spoke on the nutritional value of millets, their health benefits, climate resilient properties and discussed the farming environment of millets. Dr. S. Pradhan discussed about the causes of deteriorating health of soil and its implications for future agriculture in the country and suggested ways and means to augment organic carbon in soil through addition of crop residues and compost in soil. Dr. S.K. Karna discussed a simple method of disposing polythene bags that requires very little space in soil and has minimum adverse effects on soil environment. The programme ended with a vote thanks to all the participants.

In the afternoon at 4.00 PM, all the scientists and staff of the institute attended a special *Kisan Diwas* 2022 programme virtually organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Govt. of India. Speaking on the occasion, Sri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon’ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, remembered the contributions of former Prime Minister, Shri Choudhury Charan Singh ji to agriculture and welfare of farming community. He also informed the participants about various schemes being implemented by the present government to improve the conditions of farmers in the country.



Farmers attending the *Kisan Diwas* in village Hanspada, Nimapara (Puri)

Resource persons sharing their technical knowhow during the *Kisan Diwas* celebration



Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare addressing on the occasion of the *Kisan Diwas*

Scientists and staff attending the virtual celebration of *Kisan Diwas* on 23-12-2022