

Proceedings of the interaction meeting between Scientists of ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar and Dr. U.K. Behera, former Dean, CAU, Imphal and Principal Scientist of IARI, New Delhi

The interaction meeting was organized between scientists of ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar and Dr. U. K. Behera, former Dean, CA, CAU, Imphal and Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi on 14th December, 2023 under the Chairmanship of the Director of the institute, Dr. A. Sarangi.

Dr. R. K. Panda, Programme Leader, Canal Water Management Programme, welcomed the guest and invited Dr. Behera for a presentation on Natural Farming. Dr. U.K. Behera, gave an exhaustive presentation on “Need and Scope of Natural Farming in India”. He explained how the concept of Natural Farming was developed in various parts of the world including India with examples of North East, Maharashtra and Gujrat. He urged the scientists to view Natural Farming in holistic manner. He also spoke about Farm Development Card, which is a customized plan for use of land, crop, water and other agricultural input developed by him. The scientists interacted with him on different dimensions of organic and natural farming. Dr. A. Sarangi, Director of the institute assured Dr. Behera that if he comes with a project for developing a Natural Farming block at ICAR-IIWM Research Farm, he would be provided with land and other required support to showcase the technology. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. R.K. Panda.

