

ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar observed “WORLD WATER DAY 2023”

ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar observed the “World Water Day 2023” on 22nd March, 2023 on the theme “*Accelerating Change to solve the Water and Sanitation Crisis*” in collaboration with International Water Management Institute (IWMI). Dr. Alok Kumar Sikka, IWMI Representative-India & Principal Researcher, International Water Management Institute, New Delhi graced as the Chief Guest (*virtually*), Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Vice Chancellor, CV Raman Global University, Bhubaneswar as the Guest of Honour and Prof. Shekhar Muddu, Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore as the Guest Speaker (*virtually*). During the day, special talks were delivered by eminent start-up like Dr. Rajul Maheshwari, CEO, SoilSens Company Ltd, Mumbai (*virtually*) and Mr. Dil Bahadur, State Head (Odisha), Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, Bhubaneswar, besides experience-sharing by Shri Radhashyam Biswal, IIWM-mentored IARI-Innovative Farmer Award winner 2023 from Kanas, Puri, Odisha.

Chief Guest of the function Dr. A.K. Sikka emphasized on the sustainable use and management of water resources, enhancing water use efficiency and water productivity, various challenges encountered by our food systems, and the dire need for regional, national and global dialogues to address the water and sanitation issues to save our motherland. The Chief Guest also released a short video documentary on ‘*Glimpses of ICAR-IIWM*’. The programme was attended by over hundred participants including scientists and staff of the institute, invited farmers, students, scholars and media personnel. At the outset, Director of the Institute Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi welcomed the guests and dignitaries and briefed about the importance of the Day, while Dr. S.K. Mishra, Nodal Officer of the event offered vote of thanks.



Chief Guest of the function Dr. A.K. Sikka addressing the gathering



The World water Day was inaugurated by watering potted plants



Director Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi felicitating Shri Radhashyam Biswal



Participants reciting the national anthem at the end of the event