

## **4-day virtual collaborative training of ICAR-IIWM and MANAGE on “Advanced techniques of water conservation and management for sustainable crop productivity in watersheds’ was inaugurated**

A 4-day *virtual training* (15-18 June 2021) of ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management (IIWM), Bhubaneswar and National Institute of Agricultural Extension management (MANAGE), Hyderabad on “**Advanced techniques of water conservation and management for sustainable crop productivity in watersheds’** was inaugurated on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The Chief Guest of the inaugural session, Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (Natural Resource Management), ICAR emphasized on the need to strengthen the research efforts on advanced water management techniques in tune with the objectives of national flagship programmes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for enhancing the crop productivity in watersheds. He appreciated the innovative water management techniques for watersheds developed by ICAR-IIWM such as ICAR-flexi rubber check dams, two stage rainwater harvesting, drip fertigation and tank cum well system and stressed the need for transfer of these well proven technologies to farmers fields through series of training programmes.

Earlier, Dr. A. Mishra, Director, ICAR-IIWM and Programme Director delivered the welcome address. The programme coordinators Dr. P.S. Brahmanand, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIWM and Dr. B. Renuka Rani, Deputy Director (NRM), MANAGE briefed the participants about the contents and schedule of training programme. Around 36 trainees comprising of scientists, faculty, subject matter specialists of ICAR, SAUs, functionaries of Central and State Governments, agri-entrepreneurs, progressive farmers and scholars from 10 Indian States participated in the meeting.

