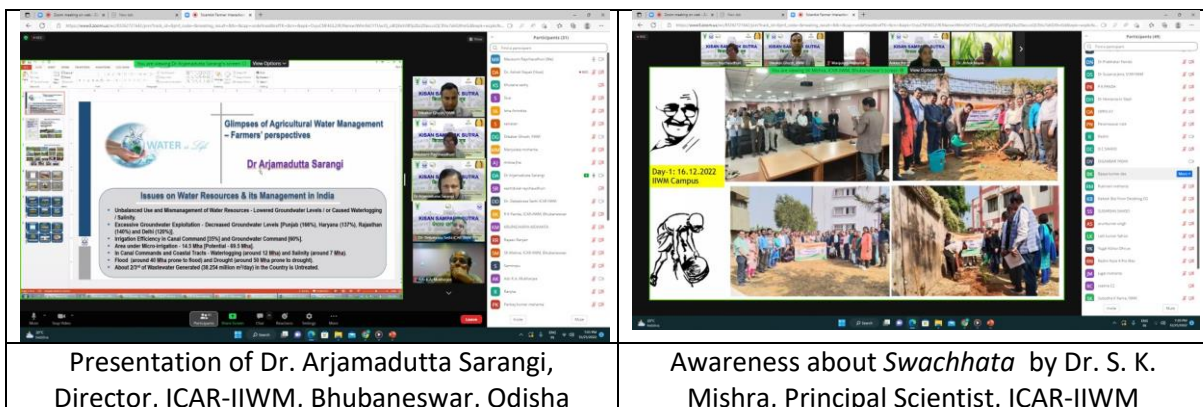


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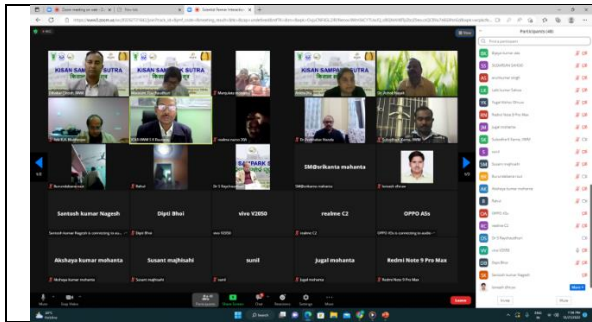
ICAR-Indian Institute of Water Management (IIWM), Bhubaneswar, Odisha organised “KISAN SAMPARK SUTRA (KSS)” on 21st December 2022 from 7.00 PM onwards in virtual mode. Through this program, for the very first time, ICAR-IIWM connected farmers from different States of the country viz. Odisha, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Manipur. The objective of the program was to connect with farmers from different States of India on fortnight basis. The program included lectures of eminent Scientists/Experts from different disciplines, audio visuals, success stories, Scientist-Farmer interaction etc. relevant to agriculture besides fisheries and animal sciences. This will empower the stakeholders with advanced agricultural water management technologies leading to improvement in their livelihood.

While addressing the program Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi, the Director of the Institute explained the objective of the program and appreciated the initiative. He presented different water management technologies of the Institute in brief and also urged farmers to share their views and problems related to agriculture through this program to get Expert’s advice. At the outset, Dr. Ankita Jha, Scientist welcomed all participants. During Scientist –Farmer interaction, Dr. R. K. Panda, Dr. S. K. Rautaray, Principal Scientists and Program Leaders Dr. D. Sethy, Scientist responded to the queries of the farmers. Dr. S. K. Mishra, Principal Scientist briefed about *Swachhta Pakhwara*, Dr. Dibakar Ghosh, Scientist presented an insight about ‘International year of millet 2023’ and Dr. Ankhila Handral, Scientist presented the recipe of Millet *Khichdi* to popularise millet in the society. Dr. S. Raychaudhuri, Dr. S. K. Mishra, Dr. H. K. Das, Dr. D. C. Sahoo, Principal Scientists, Dr. D. Sethy, Dr. Dibakar Ghosh, and Dr. Ankita Jha, Scientists facilitated the farmers to join the program from different States viz., Odisha, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Manipur in groups as well as an individual as per their convenience. Dr. Mausumi Raychaudhuri, Principal Scientist and Program Leader (OFTD, including Wastewater, Policy and Governance) coordinated the program. More than 75 farmers were present in the meeting. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. D. C. Sahoo.

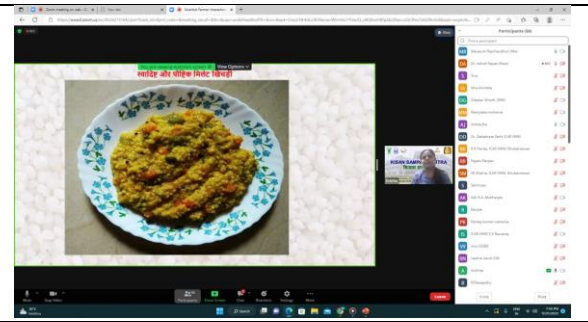


Presentation of Dr. Arjamadutta Sarangi, Director, ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Awareness about *Swachhata* by Dr. S. K. Mishra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIWM



Participants from different parts of the Country



Millet Khichdi recipe by Dr. Ankhila Handral, Scientist, ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar, Odisha