

Report on celebration of ‘World Soil Day’ by ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar

ICAR Indian Institute of Water Management (IIWM), Bhubaneswar has organized a soil health awareness programme on the occasion of World Soil Day on 5th December, 2022 at Balipatna block of Khurdha district of Odisha. Mrs. Harapriya Das, Chairperson, Balipatna block was the Chief Guest and Mr. Pabitra Kumar Patel, Member, Zilla Parishad was the Guest of Honour. They highlighted the need to preserve soil health for sustainable production. Dr. R.K. Panda, Director, ICAR-IIWM, spoke about conservation of soil to prevent soil and nutrient loss. He highlighted the theme of this year’s World Soil Day, ‘Soils: where food begins’. Dr M. Raychaudhuri, Dr Sachidulal Raychaudhuri, Principal Scientists, Dr P.P. Adhikary, Dr. A. Maity and Dr Sanatan Pradhan, Senior Scientists of ICAR-IIWM elaborated about the importance of 'World Soil Day', soil health for sustainable crop production, vermicompost, organic farming, natural farming, soil and water conservation and soil biological health. The messages of the Union Minister, Agriculture & Farmer’s, Welfare and the Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR were conveyed in local language. Mr. Radheshyam Das, Block Agriculture Officer, Government of Odisha highlighted that excessive use of urea causes soil acidity that decreases nutrient use efficiency. In this occasion, an extension folder on “Mrutika Swasthya paain Vermicompost” was released by the Guests and distributed among the farmers. Mr. Kishore Jena, Chairman, FPO, expressed soil health can be restored by joint effort of the scientists and the farmers. The programme was ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Sudarshan Behera, Director, FPO. More than 70 farmers and students attended the program. The program was coordinated by Dr. Mausumi Raychaudhuri.



Release of Extension Leaflet on “Mrutika Swasthya paain Vermicompost”



Lecture delivered on “Soil Health and sustainable production”