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ICAR celebrates World Water Day - 2021

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To raise awareness about the global water crisis and a core focus of the observance to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) - 6 that aims at providing water and sanitation for all by 2030, every year the 22nd March is celebrated as the "World Water Day" all over the globe.

The ICAR along with its Institutes pan India celebrated the "World Water Day - 2021" on this year's theme - "Valuing Water" with full fervor.

ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad

The Academy organized a wide array of different events like Farmers' visit to Technology Demonstration, Essay Competition for Staff and Drawing Competition for Students emphasizing the value of water to mark the celebrations of the "World Water Day - 2021".

The Chief Guest, Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Former Director of Extension, PJTSAU, Hyderabad elaborated the various methods of water conservation and need for crop diversification towards oilseed or pulse crop in place of paddy cultivation.



Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad emphasized on the value of water in the Rainfed agriculture. He also stressed on the need for policy initiatives for crop planning based on available water resources and economic maximization for the farmers.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad

The Institute organized a Webinar on "Value of Water for Agriculture with reference to Rice Cultivation".

The Key Speaker, Prof. V. Praveen Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Telangana outlined the major issues concerning water management with reference to agriculture and suggested the possible future strategies to improve water productivity and water use efficiency in rice crops.



Dr. D. Subrahmanyam, Director, ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad highlighted the significance of celebrating the *World Water Day*.

More than 150 participants including scientists from the different ICAR Institutes, AICRIP Co-operators, Students and Staff Members from the PJTSAU, Telangana also virtually participated in the webinar.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Natural Resins & Gums, Ranchi, Jharkhand

The Institute organized a *Field Day-cum-Awareness Programme* at Mangubandh Village, Ranchi, Jharkhand.



The farmers were apprised about the importance of water in life and agriculture during the occasion. They were also provided with the information on water harvesting and its importance, rooftop rain-water harvesting and advanced water-saving technology, particularly, the drip irrigation systems.

Around 40 farmers participated in the programme.

ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

The Institute organized a *Workshop* on "*Valuing of water for Life*" along with a *Quiz Competition* for the College Students.

In his inaugural address, the Chief Guest, Shri Hemant Kumar Panda, Director, Soil Conservation and Watershed Development, Government of Odisha emphasized on the global water crisis and focused for implementation of conservation measures including rainwater harvesting, rooftop water harvesting, integrated farming system for doubling or multiplying the farmers' yield and income.



Dr. Saroj Kumar Swain, Director, ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar, Odisha outlined the current water scarcity. He also stressed on the need-based technologies for conservation of water and reduction of wastage of water. More than 100 participants including farmers, scientists, extension officials and students from the various Institutions and villages attended the programme.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ri-Bhoj, Umiam, Meghalaya

The KVK organized a *World Water Day-cum-Training Programme* on "Water Use Efficiency and Appropriate Crops" on the theme "Valuing Water" to mark the importance of water for life and create awareness about the global water crisis.

The Chief Guest, Dr. K.K Sharma, Scientist (SG) NESAC, Barapani accentuated on the status and management of water resources through the application of GEO-Spatial Tools, microwave data, etc.



Dr. V.K. Mishra, Director, ICAR-Research Complex for North-Eastern Hills Region, Umiam, Meghalaya emphasized on the importance of Under Ground Transfer of Floods for Irrigation (UTFI), water conservation system, promotion of micro-irrigation system through rain water harvesting system and to use water judiciously to promote the Motto: *Per crop More drop*.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr. B.U. Choudhury, Nodal Officer, KVKs, ICAR, Umiam, Meghalaya highlighted the achievement of the micro-irrigation structure "Jalkund".

The farmers and the staff members of the KVK participated in the event.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

The Institute organized a *Kisan Goshthi* at the Village Kalimati, Raipur Block, Dehradun, Uttarakhand to create awareness on "Valuing Water".

The farmers and farm women from the Village Kalimati and the surrounding Villages of Badasi, Bhopalpani, Soda Saroli also participated in the programme.



The Village Pradhans from Kalimati, Bhopalpani and Paw Wala Soda also shared their experiences of managing water resources with the help of the Institute.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

The Institute organized a Programme on "Valuing Water Campaign" in the village Raipur, Bhopal District, Madhya Pradesh to mark the celebrations of the "World Water Day - 2021".

In her address, the Chief Guest, Smt. T.S. Raji Gain, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh urged for the sustained efforts in conserving water in a scientific way and the role of watershed development projects. She also highlighted the NABARD's role in agriculture and the value of water in agriculture and rural development. Smt. Gain emphasized on the importance of soil and water conservation and afforestation in the tribal areas.



Dr. Ashok K. Patra, Director, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh emphasized on the need of water for all the plants and animals on the earth to survive. He also accentuated on the need for awareness on the use of water more efficiently.

Around 200 farmers and students participated in the *Farmers'-Scientists' Interaction Meet* organized in the Village Raipur, District Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh with the objective of creating awareness on valuing water among the farming communities.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Natural Resins & Gums, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Khunti

The KVK celebrated the *World Water Day* at the Village Limda, Karra Block, Khunti District on the theme “**श्रमदान से बोरी बांध निर्माण**” (**Construction of *Bori Bandh* by Shramdan**)”.

Around 10 “*Bori Bandhs*” were prepared by the peoples’ participation in Limda Panchayat.



The programme was jointly organized by the KVK Khunti of ICAR-IINRG, State Administration and Seva Welfare Society, Gram Sabha, Limda.

The Chief Guest, Shri Shashi Ranjan, DC, Khunti urged the farmers to construct “*Bori Bandhs*” to save the water for a secured future.

Around 257 farmers, farm women, Officials of the State Government and ICAR participated in the programme.

(Source: Respective ICAR Institutes)

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