

**ICAR-CRIJAF organized Brainstorming Session on “Agricultural Water Management in West Bengal: Issues and strategies”**

Brainstorming Session on “*Agricultural Water Management in West Bengal: Issues and strategies*” was organized by ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres (CRIJAF), Barrackpore along with National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Kolkata Chapter on 27 August, 2022. Prof. Biswapati Mandal, Convenor, NAAS Kolkata chapter welcomed all the NAAS Fellows and distinguished scientists in this important programme.

Dr. T. Mahapatra, President, NAAS, New Delhi delivered the inaugural speech (online mode) highlighting the present-day concern about agricultural water management considering the climate change scenario. Dr. Mahapatra emphasized that the regional chapters must flag the regional problems and have scientific deliberation involving senior fellows, young scientists and students to frame specific guidelines for policy intervention by state Govts.

The technical session was chaired by very senior NAAS Fellow, Dr. B.B. Jana, Former Professor, University of Kalyani. There were 06 lectures on different aspects of agricultural water management delivered by Dr. Gouranga Kar, Director, ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore; Mr. Sujit Choudhury, Executive Director of PAN Network Pvt. Ltd.; Dr. Dibyendu Sarkar, Former Secretary, Department of Panchayati Raj and Self-Help Group, Govt. of West Bengal; Dr. Dhiman Barman, Head, CSSRI RRS, Canning; Dr. B.K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI, Barrackpore and Dr. A.N. Chowdhury, Chemist, CGWB, Kolkata. The other eminent scientists present in this programme were Dr. D. D. Patra, Former VC, BCKV; Dr. D.B. Sakhyawar, Director, ICAR-NINFET; Dr. S.K. Rautray, I/c, Director, ICAR-IIWM; Dr. T. K. Dutta, Head, ICAR-NDRI, Kolkata centre; Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, NAAS Fellow and Pr. Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF and Subhankar Chakrabarty, Pradan (West Bengal). There was very fruitful discussion at the end based on which few recommendations on agricultural water management in West Bengal were sorted out for policy issues in future.

In total 52 distinguished NASS Fellows, scientists from various ICAR institutes, universities attended the brainstorming session conducted in hybrid mode.

The programme ended with vote of thanks given by Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, NAAS Fellow and Pr. Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF.





