

## **ICAR-IISS Bhopal signed MoU with the RKDF University Bhopal for Students' Training and Postgraduate Agricultural Research and Education**

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science (IISS), Bhopal inked the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rama Krishna Dharmarth Foundation University (RKDF), Bhopal on 21/10/2019. The MoU is meant for long-term collaboration for promotion of students' training and quality postgraduate research in cutting edge areas in accordance with the guidelines of ICAR.

Dr. Ashok K. Patra, Director, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal and Dr. Vinod Kumar Sethi, Director General (Research) RKDF University signed the Memorandum. With the MoU, the ICAR-IISS, Bhopal and RKDF University Bhopal have agreed for collaborative programmes in the fields of research, education, training & capacity building, extension consultancy and other areas of agriculture sciences of national interest. ICAR-IISS and RKDF have also agreed for mutually recognizing the faculty of both the Institutes for the research and teaching purposes, wherein, the students and faculties can carry out the specific research, teaching and outreach activities at the laboratories of these institutions. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Patra and Dr. Sethi expressed the confidence that the MoU will help both the organizations to address the emerging issues in agricultural science and technology and will assist in challenging task of doubling the farmers' income. The MOU shall initially be valid for a period of three years extendable up to five years. Dr. R. Elanchezhian I/c PME Cell of ICAR-IISS, Bhopal was identified as the nodal officer for coordinating with the RKDF, Bhopal to develop the work plan for training and postgraduate research of students. Dr. KM Hati, Chairman Academic cell of ICAR-IISS, Mr. S.K. Gupta, SAO, ICAR-IISS, Dr. M.L. Kori, VC, RKDF, Dr. Sashi Singh, HoD, Deptt. of Agriculture, RKDF and other senior officials of both the organizations graced the occasion.



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