

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science Celebrated International Women's day on 8th March 2019

ICAR-IISS, Bhopal celebrated International Women's Day with great zeal and enthusiasm on 8th March 2019. On this occasion, inaugural program was started with address to women farmers on the occasion, the Institute had also organized the Live Telecast of Hon'ble Prime Minister's address for the entire staff of the Institute. With enthusiastic participation of almost 300 people, including both women and men. Women farmers from different cluster of villages were given one day training program on waste management under the farmers first project. The campaign theme for 2019 International Women's Day is "*Balance for better*" to think equal, build smart, innovate for change for women. This year theme depicts the innovative ways in which we can advance in gender equality and the empowerment of women especially in the social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure. The program commenced with the ICAR song and lamp lightening. Dr (Mrs.) K Bharati, Chairperson of Women's Cell ICAR-IISS, welcomed the gathering and guests and outlined the history of observance of International Women's Day, relevance to Indian women. On the day, Mrs Reena Patra, Guest of Honor, expressed her tributes to the women who have immensely contributed and sacrificed to shape the society. Followed by Dr Mrs. Parul Rish, Professor of Psychology, IIFM, Bhopal and Chief Guest of the function delivered a special talk on "*I love my stress to live a life I love*". Finally, Dr. Ashok K Patra, Director (ICAR-IISS) made a brief remarks, who emphasized the importance of female literacy with low infant mortality, their contribution to the society in general, and agriculture sector in particular, with rural women constituting the backbone of their family and community. The program was smoothly conducted and coordinated by all the women staff members and research scholars of the Institute. The program was moderated by Dr (Mrs.) Asha Sahu, Scientist and ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr (Mrs.) Priya Gurav, Scientist, ICAR-IISS.

