PRESS NOTE

Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare lays the foundation stone of the new building of ICAR- NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Delhi

Sh. Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, laid the foundation stone of the new building of ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP), Regional Centre, Delhi on 06th June 2022.

Dr. B.S. Dwivedi, Director, ICAR-NBSS&LUP, briefed about the history, genesis and importance of ICAR-NBSS&LUP.

Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM) highlighted the importance of soil survey and land use planning for developmental activities. He also stressed upon the data generated is of immense importance for policymakers, planners, administrators and different stakeholders for the implementation of various schemes of Govt. of India.

In his address, the Hon'ble Minister of state highlighted the importance of soil survey-based land use planning and its outreach to the farmers of the country. He further emphasized that the research should mandatorily allocate 25% of the area under natural farming. Scientists must focus on the dream of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to popularize it in its length and breadth across the country. We should carry out the research on water conservation and for those areas which don't have sufficient water availability particularly to address the issues of rainfed agriculture through protected cultivation. He also categorically mentioned the possibilities of the cultivation of mushrooms in such areas.

This function was attended by Dr A.K. Singh, DDG (Agricultural extension), Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), Dr. T.R. Sharma, DDG (Crop Science) Dr. S.N. Jha, DDG (Agricultural Engineering), Dr. A. K. Singh, Director, IARI, Dr. S.C. Dubey, ADG (Plant Protection), Dr. D. K. Yadava, ADG (NASF), Dr. Adlul Islam, ADG (Soil and Water Conservation), Directors and Scientists of Delhi based ICAR Institutes, govt. officials, staff and retired heads of Regional Centre, Delhi.