

ICAR-NBSS&LUP RC Kolkata organized workshop cum capacity building program under SCSP project to celebrate World Soil Day 2023

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Two days (5-6th Dec., 2023) workshop cum capacity building Program on “Sustainable Agricultural Land Use Planning for Livelihood Improvement of Farming Community” under SCSP project was organized by ICAR- National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, RC Kolkata with KVK, North 24 Pgs., Ashoknagar, West Bengal to mark the celebration of World Soil Day 2023. Total 80 participants including 30 farmers belonging from schedule caste category of Sunderbans Islands participated and interacted with the scientists on livelihood improvement through adoption of soil based integrated farming system approach. Prof. Biswapati Mandal, Ex. Pro Vice-Chancellor, BCKV Mohanpur and Dr. Gour Kumar Singha, Addl. Director of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal along with Scientists of ICAR-NBSS&LUP, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, other state govt. officials and KVK staffs addressed the concerns of the farmers throughout the discussions held. Prof. B. Mandal stressed upon the use of soil based agro-technologies in adapting climate change related salinity development in the Sunderbans region. Dr. Singha highlighted the importance of such collaborative initiative between ICAR and State Government to reach out to farmers more effectively with Government aided scheme.

Dr. F. H. Rahman, Head RC Kolkata mentioned the significance of SCSP project in promoting newer technological adaptation among small and marginal farmers. Dr. S. Chattaraj, Coordinator, SCSP project briefed the use of drone technology in agriculture for increasing water and nutrient use efficiency as well as reducing labour costs. Overall, the program was concluded with a positive feedback from the farmers with media coverage.



(Source: ICAR- National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, RC Kolkata)