

Weeklong training programme for Officers of Directorate of Agriculture Jammu begins at NBSS & LUP



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A weeklong training programme (December 16–21) on “Applications of Remote Sensing and GIS for Land Resource Management” for 10 officers from the Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu, commenced today at the National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning (NBSS & LUP), IARI campus, PUSA, New Delhi. This programme is part of the Capacity Building Component under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Project #19 (JKSLRI), for the year 2024-25. It is sponsored by the Divisional Soil Survey Scheme of the Directorate of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu, under the guidance of Sh.

Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, J&K UT, and Sh. A. S. Reen, Director of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare, Jammu.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. G. Patil, Director, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur, through virtual mode. Present at the ceremony were Dr. A. Velmurugan, ADG (S&WM), ICAR, and Dr. Jaya N. Surya, Head, NBSS&LUP Regional Centre, IARI, PUSA, along with other resource persons. The inaugural session included the lighting of a traditional lamp and the playing of the ICAR song. In his opening remarks, Dr. N. G. Patil welcomed the participants and highlighted the significance of applying remote sensing and GIS technology in man-

aging land resources.

The technical sessions featured presentations by leading experts. Dr. G. P. Obi Reddy, Principal Scientist and Head, RSA, delivered a presentation on the “Fundamentals of Remote Sensing and GIS and its Applications in Land Resource Mapping.” Dr. R. N. Sahoo, Principal Scientist, IARI, discussed “Advanced Tools and Techniques of Spectral Signatures for Precision Farming.” Dr. Chander Mohan Adhikari, an expert from ESRI India, provided insights into GIS software and tools for land resource management. The training programme aims to enhance the capacity of officers in leveraging advanced technologies for sustainable land use planning and agricultural development.