

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science Organized a live web-telecast of Hon'ble Prime Minister's interaction meeting with farmers

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal organized a live web-telecast of Hon'ble Prime Minister's interaction meeting with farmers on 20th June, 2018. During the event all scientists, staff members, research fellows and students were present. In addition, farmers (~15 nos) from the adopted villages under *Mero Gaon Mera Gaurav* (MGMG) also participated. Hon'ble PM briefed the farmers about the various Government's schemes, such as Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme, *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana*, *Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana*, etc., aimed at boosting their income. He also urged farmers to go for diversified agriculture practices such as fish, poultry farming, apiary, drip irrigation, agri-horticulture and also stressed upon value added products. About 150 participants including staff were present during the interaction meeting. Participants got benefitted from the Hon'ble PM's one to one interaction with farmers representing different states (Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odhisa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim and Karnataka). The main points emphasized were: to ensure that farmers get adequate price for their produce; doubling of Government budget for agriculture to Rs 2.12 lakh crore to achieve the objective of doubling farm income by 2022; record production of food grain, milk, fruit and vegetable, and role of soil health cards to farmers to better understand soil nutrient status of his/her farm holdings and balanced application of fertilisers. Queries of farmers from MGMG villages were also addressed after the interaction meeting.



