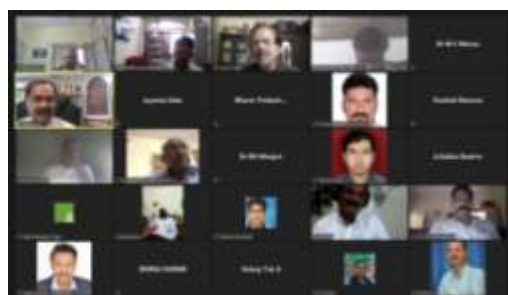


National Science Day celebrated with webinar on “Future of Science & Technology on Natural Resources Management in Agriculture”

On the occasion of National Science Day on 28th February 2021, the ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal and Bhopal Chapter of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences jointly organized a webinar on the theme “**Future of Science & Technology on Natural Resources Management in Agriculture**”. The webinar included presentations by two lead speakers, Dr. RT Patil, former Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana and Dr. DK Pal, former Visiting Scientist, ICRISAT, followed by a panel discussion on the theme. In the lead lecture, Dr. RT Patil highlighted the role of futuristic technologies to address utilization of key natural resources like biomass and suggesting prospects of some new technologies such as artificial intelligence, cooling technologies, etc. to address the problem of post-harvest losses. He also emphasized on connecting science and society and the need to highlight judicious use of natural resources. In the 2nd lead lecture, Dr. DK Pal emphasized the role of soil in food and nutrition security and also suggested some new research areas such as ecosystem services provided by soils and the role of soil inventory in NRM.

In the panel discussion, eminent researchers including DR. A. Subba Rao, former Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science; DR. DLN Rao, former emeritus scientist, Dr. BN Johri, Chairman, NASI Regional Chapter; Dr. AK Biswas, Head, ICAR-IISS and Dr. ML Khan, Professor, HS Gaur Central University, Sagar discussed on various aspects of Natural resource Management and called for minimizing fragmented and isolated research, i.e., the need to integrate different aspects of NRM under one umbrella.



Earlier, Dr. Ashok K. Patra, Director of the Institute and Convener of NAAS Bhopal Chapter welcomed all the delegates and participants and outlines the crucial role of natural resources in sustaining food production. Dr. Narendra K. Lenka, Principal Scientist coordinated the program. Scientists from ICAR Institutes, Fellows and Associates of NAAS from Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Vidarbha region of Maharashtra participated in the program
