

## Consultation Workshop on 'Bharat Soil Health Policy' for Central and Western India held at ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal

The ICAR-IISS, Bhopal organized a regional Consultation Workshop on 'Bharat Soil Health Policy' for Central and Western Region of India held during 29-30 June 2026. The consultation workshop was part of a national effort for developing a comprehensive policy document that meant for managing Indian soils for addressing the issues of resource management, environmental concerns, soils, farmers feedback, livelihood security and overall betterment of soil health. The consultation provided an important multi-stakeholder platform, bringing together representatives from ICAR institutes, international organizations, State Agricultural Universities, NGOs, industries, Farmer Producer Organizations, state departments, research institutions, and academia. The deliberations focused on strengthening the proposed Bharat Soil Health Policy and identifying practical mechanisms for its effective implementation. The workshop concluded with specific recommendations and strategic directions for developing a robust implementation framework, with particular emphasis on the soil and farming conditions of Central and Western India.

The consultation was graced by the presence of Dr. A.K. Nayak, DDG (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. A.K. Singh, Former Vice-Chancellor, RVSKVV, Gwalior; Dr. B.S. Dwivedi, Former Member (NRM), ASRB, New Delhi; Dr. A.K. Shukla, Vice-Chancellor, RVSKVV, Gwalior; Dr. V.K. Kharche, Vice-Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri; Dr. K.S. Reddy, Director, ICAR-NIASM, Baramati; Dr. M.K. Gathala, CIMMYT; Dr. Yash Sherawat, IFDC; and Ms. Praveena Sridhar, Save Soil. More than 200 participants representing different states, NGOs, FPOs, research organizations, and private-sector institutions attended the workshop.

