



ICAR-INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SOIL SCIENCE, BHOPAL

ICAR-IISS Hosts Special Lecture on "Societal Expectations from Agricultural Sciences"

Bhopal, 13 October 2026: A special lecture on "Societal Expectations from Agricultural Sciences" was organised today at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science (IISS), Bhopal. The Distinguished Lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma from the Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi.

The event commenced with a formal welcome of the Chief Guest by Dr. M. Mohanty, Director of ICAR-IISS, Bhopal. In his opening remarks, Dr Mohanty highlighted the critical relevance of the topic in contemporary times. He emphasized that the lecture serves as a valuable platform for faculty members and students to gain knowledge, exchange innovative ideas, learn scientific excellence, and explore emerging research opportunities within the field of agricultural sciences. In his address, Dr Sanjay Kumar Sharma focused on the necessity of science-driven development and value-driven research that aligns with the broader needs of society. He emphasized that **"Problems crop-up because of our disconnect with the Society"**. He urged the scientific community to prioritize the creation of cost-effective products that offer better, practical and frugal alternatives to the harmful chemicals in public use. Dr. Sharma also stressed over the importance of identifying stakeholder needs and advocating for improved diet plans, particularly at a time when the food industry and agricultural products face significant challenges related to adulteration. The lecture concluded with an engaging and interactive discussion session involving both faculty members and students. The event witnessed full attendance from all scientists, faculty, staff members, and students at the institute.

