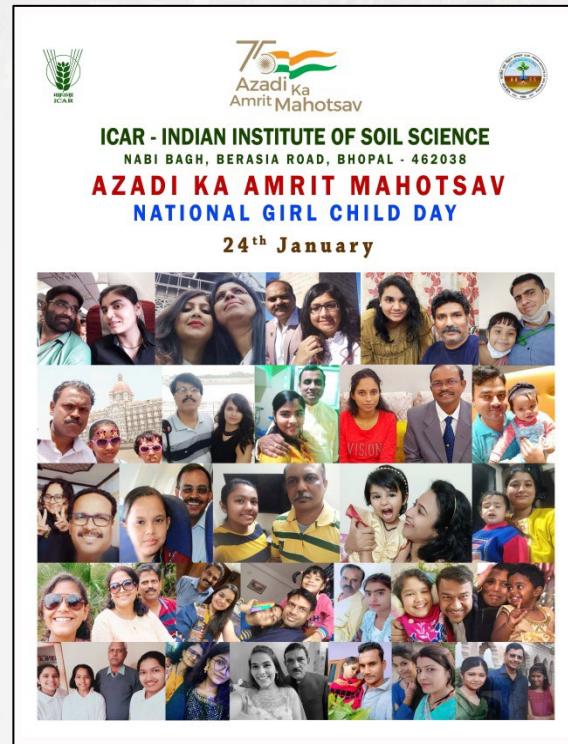




ICAR-IISS, Bhopal Celebrated National Girl Child Day

ICAR-IISS, Bhopal celebrated ‘**National Girl Child Day**’ on virtual mode on 24th January with great zeal and enthusiasm following COVID 19 guidelines. Dr (Mrs) K Bharati, Chairperson of Women’s Cell ICAR-IISS, welcomed the gathering and guest and outlined the history of observance of National Girl Child day and its importance. Institute organized a drawing competition for school children for expressing thoughts of girl child and also organized a ‘selfie contest with caption’ for the staff on the occasion of national girl child day. On the occasion, Chief Guest **Dr (Mrs) Neelam Kapoor**, Professor, AIIMS, Bhopal highlighted the importance of Girl Child and emphasized thought of never giving up and one should self challenge and take initiative to solve their problems and not to allow people with negative attitude to influence their life and thoughts. On ‘**National Girl Child Day**’, as we celebrate accomplishments of our daughters, we pledge to bridge the gender divide to build an equal society. During the event,



Dr Ashok K Patra, Director, has made a brief remarks on the importance of female literacy with low infant mortality, their contribution to the society in general, and agriculture sector in particular, with rural women constituting the backbone of their family and community; Dr Patra also highlighted the awareness about the rights of the girl child and to increase awareness on the importance of girl's education, and their health and nutrition. About 90 participants were actively participated in the event. The program was smoothly conducted and coordinated by all the women staff members of the Institute. The program was moderated by Dr (Mrs) Asha Sahu, and ended with formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr (Mrs) Sangeeta Lenka.