

ICAR-NBSS&LUP organized two training programmes for State officials under Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme of NITI AYO, New Delhi

On the request of NITI Ayog, New Delhi, ICAR-NBSS&LUP is organizing a series of training programmes for “Sustainable Agriculture Land Use Planning for 27 Aspirational Districts” under Transformation of Aspirational Districts Programme.

Two training programmes were organized at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur for the aspirational districts of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The first training was held on 3rd and 4th December, 2019 for the district representatives of Damoh, Vidisa, Singrauli, Khandwa, and Barwani (Madhya Pradesh) and Nandurwar (Maharashtra). The second training was held on 6th and 7th December, 2019 for the district representatives of Bahraich, Balrampur, Chitrakoot, Shravasti, and Sonbhadra (Uttar Pradesh) and Baran and Jaisalmer (Rajasthan). Both the trainings were also attended by personnel from NITI Ayog and ITC, development partner for NITI Ayog. In total thirty participants attended the trainings, fifteen in each programme.

The trainees were made aware of the efforts of ICAR-NBSS&LUP for sustainable agriculture land use planning for aspirational districts. The uses of high resolution satellite data for delineation of landforms and land management units were discussed. Potential sites for water harvesting structures, soil and water conservation plans, and land use plan of individual districts were discussed with the respective district representatives. Hands-on training was also imparted to the trainees on the Bhoomi Geo-portal and mobile application, made for aspirational districts.

The trainees appreciated the district level land use plan as well as the soil and water conservation plans and found the database and maps prepared by ICAR-NBSS&LUP much helpful for the development planning of the aspirational districts.

Similar trainings are also scheduled at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Kolkata for the aspirational districts of Assam, Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand during 12th to 24th December, 2019.



Figure 1: Inaugural session of training on 3rd December, 2019 for districts of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra



Figure 2: Inaugural session of training on 6th December, 2019 for districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan