

Celebration of World Water Day, 2022

Groundwater is invisible but its impact is visible everywhere. All most all of the fresh water in the world is groundwater. As climate change gets worse, groundwater will become more and more critical. To raise awareness among the masses and to inspire people to work together to sustainably manage these precious resources World Water Day 2022 was celebrated by GKMS Unit of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region on March 22, 2022. All the staff of the research Centre along with some farmers attended the program. Dr Biswajit Das, Head In charge of the Regional Centre was the Chief Guest of the program and share his experience and thought to preserve these natural resources. Dr S P Das, Principal Scientist, Plant Breeding share his future research work towards minimizing the water use in rice cultivation. He has informed the house about the recent release of new rice variety NICRA Aerobic Dhan 1 which use 65% less water than the other available rice varieties. Dr Anup Das, Principal Scientist, Agronomy request the gathering to increase water use efficiency in different agricultural practices. Conservation Agriculture, on which Dr Das is working, may be the best options to minimize the dependency on groundwater. Earlier while introducing the event, Mr Dhiman Daschaudhuri, Technical Officer (GKMS) has briefed about the importance of the day and also the importance to work together to achieve the goal. The event concluded with the concluding remarks from Mr Daschaudhuri, "Groundwater may be out of sight but should not be out of mind".

