Hon’ble Deputy Director General (NRM) reviewed the research achievements and future work plan of ICAR-DWR and AICRP-Weed Management through video conferencing.

A review meeting on research achievements of last three years and future plan of 2020-25 of ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur and AICRP – Weed Management was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi on 27th May 2020. The meeting was conducted online through video conference. Dr. S. Bhaskar, ADG (AAF&CC), Directors of ICAR Institutes under NRM Division, PIs and scientist of AICRP-WM centers and Heads of Divisions from different Institutes and Scientists from ICAR-DWR and other Institutes were participated in the meeting. A total of 87 participants were participated in the meeting. During the meeting Dr. P.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur presented the research achievements of the Institute of last three years (2017-20) and research activities of the institute to be undertaken during 2020-2025. After the presentation of Director, Dr. Shobha Sondhiya, In-charge, AICRP-WM presented the research achievements of AICRP-WM for last three years and future plan of work for 2020-2025.

After the presentation, the DDG Dr. Chaudhari led the discussion part very comprehensively and invited the Scientists of the Directorate and PIs of AICRP-WM centres, Experts from different Institutes and Directors of NRM institutes for their comments/ suggestions. The suggestions encompassed a wide range of topics such as weed management in DSR; application of Drones, artificial intelligence and sensors for weed management; thermal weed management; management of parasitic weeds; impact of herbicide on soil ecology; weed utilization; screening for herbicide tolerant crops; management of aquatic weeds; weed risk analysis; residual analysis of newly developed herbicides; study on weed flora shift etc. Dr. SK Chaudhari, DDG (NRM) appreciated all participants for their comments/suggestions and lively interaction and also
advised ICAR-DWR to take note of the various suggestions while preparing SFC 2020-2025. At the end, Dr. P.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-DWR thanked DDG, ADG, Directors, Heads of Divisions and Experts of various institutes, PIs and scientists of AICRP-WM. Dr. Singh also mentioned that suggestions will help in designing future research activities of the Directorate.