

## IWMI Signs Contract with Institute of Rural Management (IRMA)

The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) has entered into a 9-month contract with the Gujarat-based Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) as a part of its SDC-SoLAR project. IRMA Water Centre (WC) will carry out a quick assessment of the Chief Minister's Saur Krishi Vahini Program in Maharashtra. The IRMA- WC will look at:

- Actual progress in physical and financial terms in implementing the CM Saur Krishi Vahini Program.
- Management models for O&M of tail-end solar plants.
- Experience of farmers benefitting from solar feeders.
- Benefits in terms of improved cropping patterns, cropping intensity and crop yields.
- Understanding distribution losses of solar feeders.
- Effectiveness of solar pumps for lift irrigation
- Sustainability of utilisation of groundwater.

A comprehensive report would be produced by incorporating a variety of methodologies, viz., secondary data collection, discussions with government/DISCOM officials, tail-end operators, surveys/Participatory Rural Appraisals (PRAs) involving around 200 farmers in 4 solar feeders.

More information about IRMA can be found [here](#).

IWMI's Corporate Services Director, Syon Niyogi and RBI Chair Professor, Dr Uday Shankar Saha of IRMA, signed the contract on 26 September 2021.