

## World Soil Day 2017

World Soil Day programme was jointly organized by the Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, ICAR-IARI and Delhi Chapter of the Indian Society of Soil Science in the Divisional Lecture Theatre, on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Forty middle school children along with teachers from six different schools participated in this programme. The main motto was to raise awareness on importance and conservation of soil for prosperity and profitability.

Dr. B. S. Dwivedi, Head, Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry & President, Delhi Chapter of the Indian Society of Soil Science welcomed the dignitaries, faculty and students of the Division, school teachers and children. He underlined the significance of this day. Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (Agri. Extension), ICAR & Director ICAR-IARI (Additional Charge) and Dr. I.P. Abrol, Former DDG (SAE), ICAR, graced the occasion and addressed the students highlighting the importance of healthy soils and benefits of *Soil Health card* scheme launched by the Government of India. Dr. S. P. Datta, Principal Scientist made a brief presentation on "*Soils and Society*", advocating the sustainable management of soil resources which was followed by a quiz competition among the school children covering various aspects of soil and general awareness. Guest of honour, Dr. I.P. Abrol, distributed memento, certificate as well as prize to the winners of the quiz competition. All the students who attended the function were also given memento and participation certificates. Dr. Nayan Ahmed, Principal Scientist & Secretary, Delhi Chapter of the Indian Society of Soil Science coordinated the programme. At the end Dr. Mandira Barman, Joint Secretary, Delhi Chapter of ISSS, proposed vote of thanks.





