

Report on the 23rd Advanced Level Training in Soil Testing, Plant Analysis and Water Quality Assessment

Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry (SSAC)

ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi

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The 23rd Advanced Level Training in Soil Testing, Plant Analysis and Water Quality Assessment was organized by the Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry (SS&AC), ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi during 21 September to 11 October 2026. The training aimed at enhancing the participants' knowledge and practical skills in modern techniques of soil, plant and water analysis, analytical instrumentation, interpretation of results, and formulation of recommendations. A total of nine participants from different parts of India participated in the training program. They represented diverse professional backgrounds, including Assistant Professors, Technical Officers, Laboratory Technicians, KVK personnel, and Private-sector professionals. The training program was inaugurated by Dr. R. N. Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi in presence of Dr. Debashis Mandal, Head of SS&AC, Dr. V.K. Sharma, Professor of SS&AC, Dr. M.C. Meena, Course Director, other faculty members, staff and students of the division. The training comprised theoretical lectures, practical exercises, laboratory exposure, study tours, field visits and group discussions. The Valedictory address in connection with the training program was delivered by Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. The successful conduct of the training highlights the continued commitment of SS&AC, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi towards human resource development in soil science.

