

World Soil Day 2022 Celebrations at IARI

The Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in association with the Delhi Chapter of the Indian Society of Soil science, New Delhi, jointly organised the World Soil Day (WSD) celebrations on the theme of 'Soils: Where food begins' during November 28 to December 5, 2022.

On 28 November 2022, Photography competition on this year's WSD theme "Soils: Where food begins" was organized where a large number students of Natural Resource Management (NRM) Divisions of ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi participated. An extempore competition on different aspects of soil was also organized involving the NRM students.

On 30th November 2022, a one-day Symposium was organized in the hybrid mode on the current theme of the World Soil Day -2022. In the symposium, a lecture on "Micronutrients for Soil, Plant and Human Health" was delivered by Dr. SK Singh, Professor, Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, Banaras Hindu University. Another lecture on "One health concept" was delivered by Dr. S.P.Datta, Professor, Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. More than six hundred participants joined the event.

On 1st December, 2022, a Farmers' Awareness Programme was organized at village Rajpura, District Aligarh, UP, Where Dr. Man Singh, Project Director, Water Technology Centre, ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi graced the occasion as chief guest. More than 300 farmers and 50 students participated where they interacted with a multi-disciplinary team of scientists from ICAR-IARI regarding sustainable soil management practices, and with officials from State Bank of India regarding government and bank initiatives in providing financial support for agricultural, horticultural and animal husbandry activities by farmers. An awareness rally was also organized successfully, which circumambulated the Rajpura village, Aligarh.

On 2nd December 2022, a guest lecture on "Sustaining soil health and maximizing farm profit through STCR approach of plant nutrient management" was delivered by Dr. Pradip Dey, Programme Coordinator, AICRP on STCR, ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal through online platform. More than a hundred participants joined the lecture.

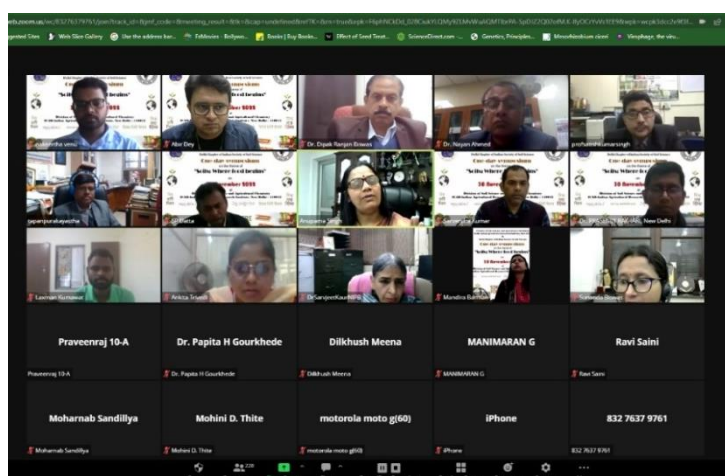
On 5th December 2022, a student's awareness programme on the theme 'Soils: Where food begins' representing 5 schools (52 students) of New Delhi participated. Dr. SP Datta, delivered an interactive talk on "Soil and Society". The children had an interactive video-screening session on "Healthy Soils for better food" and "Mission: keep soil alive". The children visited the soil museum and soil testing laboratory of the Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry. The students also participated in a quiz on "Soils: Where food begins". Dr. Nayan Ahmed, Head, SS&AC, emphasized the necessity of maintaining soil health. Sarvendra Kumar, Secretary, Delhi Chapter of ISSS detailed the week-long celebration of World Soil Day. Chairman and 10 Pradhans of Chalish Gaon Samiti, Sonipat, Haryana joined the event. Addressing school children, farmers, faculty, PG students, and other staff,

Dr. A.K. Singh, Director, ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute underlined the significance of soil health restoration for the well-being of the society and appealed all for maintaining soil health in all possible ways for human and animal health. Dr. Singh also distributed prizes to the school and Divisional students who had participated in different events during the week long programme.

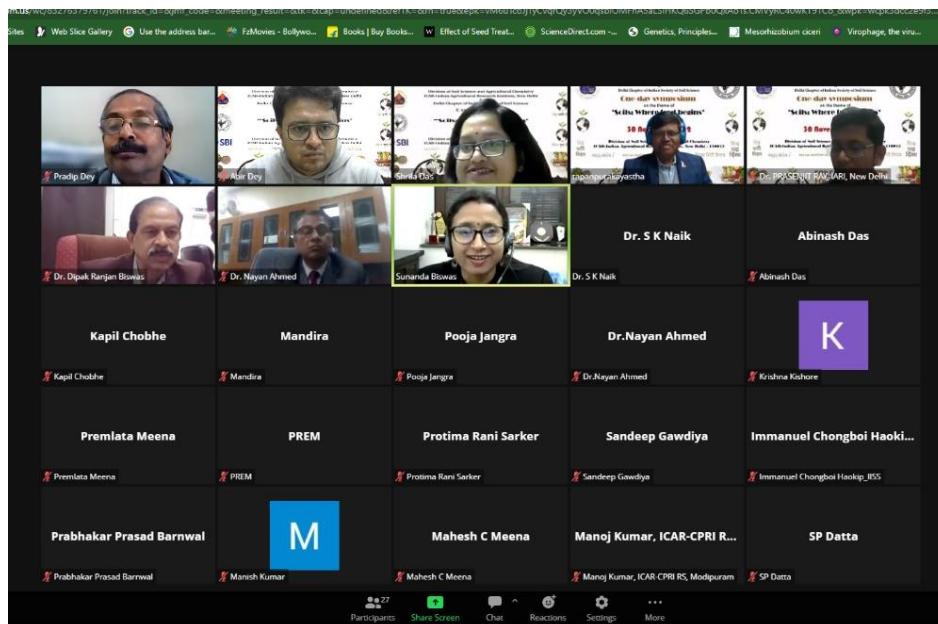
On 10th December 2022, a field day will be organized in Mandaura village, Sonapat, Haryana involving more than 3000 farmers, where experts from ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, and National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Sonapat, Haryana will interact with the farmers on soil, plant and human health related issues. The member of parliament from Sonapat has agreed to grace the function.



Students participating in extempore competition on the theme “Soils: Where food begins” held on 28th November, 2022



Symposium organized on the theme “Soils: Where food begins” held on 29th November, 2022



Guest lecture delivered by Dr. PradipDey, PC (STCR), ICAR- IISS, Bhopal on
2nd December, 2022



Farmer awrness rally on World Soil Day held at Rajpura village, Aligarh 1st December, 2022



Farmer awareness programme on “Soils: Where food begins” held at Rajpura village, Aligarh on 1st December, 2022



Director, ICAR-IARI along with Scientists and School children on World Soil Day, 5th December, 2022



Director, ICAR-IARI along with Gram Pradhans of Sonapat district and Scientists on World Soil Day, 5th December, 2022

S. No.	Date	Name of the Institute	No. of participant's attended				No. of VIP's attended	Name pf prominent VIP's (MP/MLAs etc.) attended
			Farmers	Scientists	Students	Total		
1.	28 th November, 2022	Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute	-	40	60	100	-	-
2.	30 th November, 2022		-	225	425	650	-	-
3.	1 st December, 2022		250	15	35	300	5	1. Mr. Jagat Singh, PrdhanRajpura Village, Aligarh 2. Vinod Kumar, Sajna village, Aligarh 3. Rajpratap, Sofa village, Aligarh 4. Parmajit Singh, Ganespur village, Aligarh 5. Dr. Man Singh, PD, WTC, ICAR-IARI
4.	2 nd December, 2022		-	15	30	45	-	-
5.	5 th December, 2022		12	35	100	147	4	1. Dr. A.k. Singh Director, ICAR-IARI 2. Mr. DP Goyel Chairman, ChalisGaonVikasParishad, Sonapat, Haryana 3. Dr. Man Singh, PD, WTC, ICAR-IARI 4. Jai Pal DahiyaPradhan of Chalis villages of DahiyaSamaj, Sonapat, Haryana