

Report on celebration of World Soil Day at ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore on 05.12.2020



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To promote the pivotal role of soil as a major component of natural ecosystem, ICAR-CRIJAF celebrated the World Soil Day on 05.12.2020 with the theme “Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity”. Dr. A. R.Saha, Incharge, Crop Production Division welcomed the participants and briefed them about the importance of the day which is being celebrated all over the world. Dr. Gouranga Kar, Director, ICAR-CRIJAF underlined the significance of soil health restoration and urged to maintain the soil health in all possible ways. He also emphasized the importance of soil testing and balanced fertilization in preserving the quality of soil, water and food for the present and future generations. He urged the farmers to test their soil and use fertilizers as per the recommendation so as to reduce unnecessary expenditure and for obtaining better production. 150 soil health cards were prepared for distribution among the farmers of Dakshin Brahmapur, Haringhate, Nadia. Due to COVID pandemic, a total of 10 farmers participated in the programme and Soil Health Card were distributed to them. A farmer- scientist interaction was organised and issues such as soil water conservation measures, importance of soil health card for plant nutrient management vis-à-vis improving crop productivity and maintaining soil health were discussed for imbibing scientific knowledge and to create awareness regarding protection of soil biodiversity among the farmers. Dr.Bijan Majumdar and Dr. A. K. Ghorai stressed upon the importance of crop rotation, organic manure addition and also about the ill effects of crop residue burning on soil and environment. Dr.Ritesh Saha informed that Soil Health Cards will act as a ready reference for farmers for application of nutrient and will help in sustaining the soil health in the long run. The programme was organized by Dr.A. R.Saha, Dr.Bijan Majumdar, Dr.Ritesh Saha, Dr Sonali Paul Mazumdar, and Dr Debarati Dutta. All the scientists of Crop Production Division participated in the programme.



Remarks by Director, ICAR-CRIJAF



Remarks by In-Charge, Crop Production Division, ICAR-CRIJAF



Farmers-Scientist Interaction



Soil health card distribution by Director, ICAR-CRIJAF