

## Celebration of World Soil Day and Distribution of Soil Health Card by ICAR-CRIJAF

ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres has celebrated World Soil Day on December 5, 2015 along with 256 farmers of Panchkahania village, Nadia District, West Bengal. Mr. Manirul Islam, Fatehpur Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Mr. Sadan Modak, Representative of Member of Parliament, Smt Mamata Thakur, Bangaon Constituency Director Dr. P.G Karmakar, ICAR-CRIJAF, Dr. A.R. Saha, Principal Scientist (Soil Science) and Dr. S. Sarkar, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) were present in the occasion. A booklet on World Soil Day and Soil Health Card was released on the occasion jointly by Panchayat Pradhan and Director CRIJAF, as part of world soil day celebration for the benefit of farmers.

Soil Health cards prepared by ICAR CRIJAF for the 256 farmers of Panchkahonia were distributed to them jointly by the MP Representative, Gram Panchayat Pradhan and Director, ICAR CRIJAF. Soil Health card is an endeavour to improve the health of the soil and provide guidance to farmers on soil-related issues. The cards carried crop-wise recommendation of fertilisers required for farm lands and it will help farmers in identifying status of soil health and use of soil nutrients judiciously.

Director, ICAR-CRIJAF had urged the farmers to make use of the Soil Health cards for the betterment of farming practices. Mr. Manirul Islam, Fatehpur Gram Panchayat Pradhan expressed his satisfaction over the entire programme and specially thanked ICAR CRIJAF for initiating the scheme in Panchkahonia village under the Fatehpur Panchayat. Mr. Sadan Modak, representative of Member of Parliament Smt Mamta Thakur, also appreciated the initiative of ICAR-CRIJAF and asked the farmers to be in touch with the institute for further guidance.

