

REPORT ON WORLD SOIL DAY CELEBRATION ON 05TH DECEMBER, 2017 AT ICAR-CAFRI, JHANSI

The ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi celebrated World Soil Day on 05th December, 2017 with great enthusiasm. On this day a Krishak Gosthi was organized to create awareness among farmers about importance of soil health in changing climatic scenario. The chief guest of the function was Shri Rajeev Singh Parichha, the honourable member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly (Babina). While addressing the farmers the chief guest advised the farmers to use fertilizers as per the recommendations of the soil health cards and get benefited with the scheme of “soil health card” as advocated by Government of India. On this occasion, the chief guest also distributed soil health cards to the 30 farmers belonging to six villages. One innovative farmer who has done appreciable Agroforestry work on his field, was honoured by the chief guest. The PI- NICRA Project Dr. Ram Newaj highlighted the importance of krishak gosthi in connecting people with the soil health and climate resilient agricultural innovations. The Director of the institute Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi while addressing the farmers asked them to adopt new innovative agricultural technologies to fight the challenges of climate change and deteriorating soil health. In addition to the farmers of nearby villages, all the staff of the institute, including scientists, technical officers, research fellows etc was present during the program. In total about 150 participants attended the celebration of world soil day cum krishak gosthi. The compeering was done by Dr. Rajendra Prasad (Principal Scientist, Soil Science) and vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Dhiraj Kumar (Scientist, Soil Science).

