

Soil Health Cards distributed to farmers on World Soil Day at IGFRI, Jhansi

ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi celebrated World Soil day on 05th December, 2015. Fifty nine farmers from various *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* (MGMG) villages were invited during the occasion. The chief guest of the occasion was Mr. Ravi Sharma, MLA, Sadar, Jhansi while Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi, Director, CAFRI, Jhansi was guest of honour. The farmers were distributed Soil Health Cards of their field by the guests. The cards included general information of the farmers, soil health status of their fields and advisories related to application of various nutrients to different crop grown by them on that field.



Mr. Ravi Sharma emphasized that soil is most important national resource for crop production and farmer's prosperity is not possible without caring soils. We should know status and requirement of our soils for optimum production. He said that farmers should apply various nutrients to crops as per health card to avoid over or under use of nutrients. He appreciated this initiative of IGFRI.

Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi said that this Soil Health Card will act as a ready reference for farmers for application of nutrient and will help in sustaining the soil health in long run. He reiterated that there is urgent need for farmer's awareness regarding soil health and called for balanced application of nutrients as per soil health card. Dr. P.K. Ghosh told that IGFRI has adopted over 80 villages from U.P. and M.P. under MGMG scheme and all the farmers will be provided with soil health card in phased manner. Other interested farmers may also approach IGFRI to make Soil Health Cards. Dr. Sunil Kumar, Head, Crop Production Division said that Soil Health Card is very useful and urged farmers to bring soil sample at IGFRI to get cards. The programme was coordinated by Dr. P. Sharma and Mr. Manoj Chaudhary proposed vote of thanks.

