

World Soil Day Celebrated at ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi

The “World Soil Day” was organized at ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi on 5th December, 2020 on the theme “Keep soil alive, Protect soil biodiversity” in the institute lawn. The aim of this programme is to create awareness about the importance of sustaining healthy soil ecosystem and human wellbeing by addressing the problems associated with soil management practices. The program was organized by maintaining the social distance in the view of COVID-19 and masks were also distributed to the farmers and other participants. This year only selected 10 farmers from 03 districts (Jhansi, Datia & Tikamgarh) were invited to participate in the programme. In total 58 Soil Health Cards will be distributed to the farmers of the region. Dr. V.K. Yadav, Director, ICAR-IGFRI on his address highlighted the importance of maintaining healthy soil for the benefits of coming generations and SHCs for good soil health like vaccination in human beings. Dr. Sunil Kumar Tiwari, Head, Crop Production Division emphasized the need of soil testing and also explained the use of information in the soil health card. At the end the Soil Health Cards were also distributed to the farmers. Dr. Mukesh Chaudhary co-ordinated the programme and Dr. Mahendra Prasad gave the vote of thanks. In the programme, PCFC and all the Heads of the Divisions, Nodal officers of MGMG/outreach programmes, scientists, staff and students of Crop Production Division were also present.

