

World Soil Day celebrated at Katesra village, Palwal, Haryana under ICAR Farmer FIRST project

Under the ICAR Farmer FIRST project “World Soil Day” was celebrated at Katesra village, Palwal district of Haryana on 05th December, 2017. Total 40 farmers from Farmer FIRST cluster villages Katesra, Dadhota and Amarpur have participated. The resource persons enhanced awareness of the farmers about soil health of their fields through soil testing and fertilizer recommendations. Use of plant nutrients on the basis of soil testing was emphasized. Farmers were urged to adopt integrated nutrient management for improving soil health and reducing the pollution effect. The importance of soil in respect of crop and human life were explained. Use organic manures was prescribed for improving the soil health. The basic principles and method of soil testing was elaborated to the participants. STFR meter which is a small instrument and easy to handle was demonstrated at Soil Testing Centre at the village. Rural youth were urged to come forward for soil testing by using STFR on payment basis. Composition of soil, importance of soil in crop production, requirements of macro & micro elements of the soil related to different types of crops.

