

World Soil Day celebrated at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur

World Soil Day was celebrated on 5th December, 2023 at ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur. The celebration was organized in the institute by providing awareness on soils and its functions for sustainability of life on earth. Scientists and staffs from the institute and about 48 students from Chopsani Sr. Secondary School participated in the programme. The programme was organized in collaboration with Jodhpur chapter of Indian Society of Soil Science. A visit to 'Know Your Soil' section located in Agri-Eco-Tourism park of the institute was organized and profile characteristics of major soil types in arid western India were demonstrated. The problem of soil degradation and its management through different measures were also demonstrated through several poster display. It was followed by a visit to Agri-Eco-Tourism park of the institute. After the visit, short videos on compost preparation and integrated nutrient management were shown to students in the 'Shami Bhavan' conference hall of the institute. A quiz competition on soils and its functions was also organized by Dr. R.S. Yadav and Dr. O.P. Meena followed by lectures by Dr Manoj Parihar and Dr. Mahipal Chaudhary, soil scientists of the institute. Dr Priyabrata Santra, Head, Division of Natural Resources provided a brief detail on importance of soil health and its interconnection to human health and thus urged for collective efforts for maintenance of soil health. The programme was organized by Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Dr. Manoj Parihar and Dr. Mahipal Chaudhary. At the end, vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. Saritha.

