

Soil Mapping Project commissioned in Goa

A MoU has been signed between city-based ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning and Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Goa on **Characterization and mapping of land resources of Goa State under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme**. Under this mega project, the NBSS&LUP will map the fallow lands in the state and recommend land use pattern, characterize soils and undertake nutrient mapping in all the 12 talukas of the state. The cost of the project is Rupees 100 lacs and will be borne by the Government of Goa.

At a function held in Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Goa, Goa on July 6, Dr. S.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur addressed the audience on overview of the 2 year project. He mentioned that in the survey, the ICAR-NBSS&LUP will study the field number-wise nutrients, the cropping pattern the field can support, the varieties of crops it can introduce and the quantity and type of fertilizer required. All this data will be uploaded on the websites of the Director etc and NBSS&LUP. Any farmer may log in, key in the required survey number, obtain all data required and do farming as advised. Mr. Orlando Rodrigues, Director of Agriculture, Government of Goa also spoke on the occasion and expressed the hope that the project would go a long way in enhancing agricultural development of the state. Dr. N.P. Singh, Director of the city based ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute was present on the occasion along with Senior level Scientists from ICAR-NBSS&LUP and other senior officials of the Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Goa.