

ICAR-NBSS&LUP to distribute Soil Health Cards

It is learnt that the year 2015 is being observed worldwide as **International Year of Soils** and 5 December 2015 will be observed as **World Soil Day**. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, in an address delivered on 19 February 2015 at Suratgarh, Rajasthan also called for focusing attention on the health of soil in agricultural areas across the country to boost productivity and bring about increased prosperity. He was speaking after launching the Union Government's nationwide '**Soil Health Card**' (SHC) Scheme.

On 5 December, a day of immense significance, the city-based ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (HQrs.) will distribute 250 SHCs each among the farmers of Warud Tehsil of Maharashtra, Seoni and Balaghat tehsils of Madhya Pradesh. Moreover, each of its five regional centres namely, Bengaluru, New Delhi, Jorhat, Kolkata and Udaipur is scheduled to distribute 250 SHCs among farmers in jurisdiction of each of the centres. The distribution programme of SHCs will continue to be undertaken for majority of farming community of the country.