
Soil Health Cards useful to kharif, rabi crop growing farmers

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ICAR - National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (Bureau) observed World Soil Day recently.

Dr S K Chaudhari, Assistant Director General (Soil & Water Management) was the special invitee on the occasion while Dr Milind Sable, Project Director, Action for Production (AFPRO), Yavatmal district, Maharashtra was the chief guest.

It may be mentioned that 4,200 Soil Health Cards were developed by the Bureau in collaboration with Action for

Food Production (AFPRO), Kelapur, Yavatmal district for the farmers of Kelapur block and 1,700 cards were developed for the farmers of Nagpur rural areas in collaboration with Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC), Nagpur.

Dr Chaudhari distributed the cards among farmers of the two blocks who attended the function. He also elaborated on the usefulness of Soil Health Cards particularly in that the farmers would be able to know the exact dose of chemical fertilizers to be applied for kharif and rabi crops. Scientists can be of great help to

farmers to ensure balanced fertilisation, he added.

Dr S K Singh, Director of the Bureau in his remarks mentioned that the Bureau had earlier distributed 1.5 lakh soil health cards to the farmers of Telangana state. Apart from this, five regional centres of the Bureau distributed soil health cards to the farmers of the states under their jurisdictions. The function concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Principal Scientist. Dr. Sushamoy Chatterji, Principal Scientist and In-charge PME Cell conducted the proceedings.