

World Soil Day Organized

The **World Soil Day** programme was organized on 5th December 2017 at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. Smt. Asha Sinha, Hon'ble, MLA of Danapur was the Chief Guest of the programme. Around 60 farmers from Simra, Wadipur and Baghakole villages of Patna district attended the programme. In this programme, Chief guest emphasized on balanced application of fertilizers based on soil test to maintain the soil health and crop productivity. She also talked about the seed and variety replacement and timely availability of inputs to the farmers. Dr. Amitav Dey, Director In charge of the institute suggested keeping our soils healthy and creating awareness about soil testing among farmers. A Video Film on Soil Health containing message from Hon'ble Prime Minister of India (*Man ki Baat* on soil health), and from Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Govt. of India, was also shown to the participants. On this occasion soil health cards prepared by the institute were also distributed to the farmers. Drs. Ujjwal Kumar, JS Mishra, SK Singh and Abhay Kumar also expressed their views on the occasion. A *Kisan Gosthi* was also organized in which scientists of the institute (Drs. S.K. Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Shivani, Koteswara Rao, Manoj Kumar and Kirti Saurabh) interacted with the farmers and answered the queries related to crop production, soil health and insect-pest management.

