

ICAR-DCR organizes Soil Health Camp in Bettampady village as a part of World Soil Day celebrations

Every year World Soil day is celebrated on 5th December, 2022 advocating the importance of healthy soils and the need for sustainable management of soil resources. The theme for this year is “Soils: Where Food begins”. As a part of the World Soil day celebrations at the Directorate, a soil health camp was organized in the farmer’s field in Bettampady village of Puttur.

The camp aimed at sensitizing the farmers on the importance of soil health in ensuring food and nutritional security and highlighted the need for soil health analysis for sustainable management of soil resources. Soil health cards were distributed to the farmers during the soil health camp and farmers were given advisories on soil management based on the soil health analysis. The camp commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Dr. D Balasubramanian, Director-in-charge, ICAR-DCR, Puttur. In his opening remarks, he briefed about the soil health card programme of Govt. of India and he emphasized on the importance of judicious application of nutrients including micronutrients, based on soil test report. He highlighted the importance of soil in the production of quality food for human beings.

Following the distribution of soil health cards by Director-in-charge, Dr. Shamsudheen Mangalassery, Senior Scientist (Soil Science) delivered a talk on the theme “Soils: Where food begins.” He explained about the importance of integrated approach in soil nutrient management. He also explained about the use of soil health cards to the farmers and explained about the status of their soil health based on the reports of soil health analysis and recommended measures to enhance the fertility of the soil. Dr. Bhagya H, Scientist (SPM and AP) and Dr. Veena G L, Scientist (Fruit science) of ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research coordinated the event and assisted in giving advisories to the farmers.

A total of 31 farmers attended the soil health camp and they opined that the camp was very fruitful.

