

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal celebrated 31st Foundation Day

The ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Nabibagh, Bhopal celebrated its 31st Foundation Day at the Institute campus with great zeal and fervor. In the Program, Dr. Tejinder Singh, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Western Zone participated as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the role of natural resources for the survival of the mankind. He stressed upon finding out the root cause of problems of soil pollution and degradation, rather than relying more on preventive measures.

Guests of Honour in this program were, Dr. S. K. Singh, Director, National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land use Planning (NBSS & LUP), Nagpur ; Dr. V. P. Singh, Director, National Institute for High Security Animal Diseases Laboratory, Bhopal and Dr. A. Subba Rao, Former Director of the IISS, Bhopal. At the outset, Dr. JK Saha, I/c Director welcomed the guests and dignitaries and briefed about the achievement of the Institute. Dr. V. P. Singh talked about the chain of soil health and its linkage with animal and human health. Progressive farmers from villages adopted under Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (MGMG) scheme and the National and State level award winning farmers were felicitated on the occasion. A farmer-scientist interaction was also held in which farmers put forth problems being faced related to crop residue management and conservation agriculture, which were elaborately discussed among the participants.

Later, in the afternoon, the Foundation Day lecture was delivered by Dr. S. K. Singh, Director, NBSS & LUP, Nagpur. In the foundation day lecture, he briefed upon the growing menace of soil degradation and stressed upon using high resolution soil resources data for optimum land use planning. The program was coordinated by Dr. R. Elanchezhian, Principal Scientist and Member Secretary.

