

## Dr. K. Alagusundaram, Deputy Director General (AE &NRM) visits ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal

Honourable Deputy Director General (AE & NRM) Dr. K. Alagusundaram has made a visit to ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017. During his visit, he interacted with scientists and officers of the institute. Dr Ashok K Patra, Director (IISS) formally welcomed Hon'ble DDG and made a brief remarks about Institute activities. Earlier,



Hon'ble DDG (NRM) visited various laboratories along with Director (IISS), HODs, Project Coordinators, and Scientists. During his visit various instrument and equipments such as Minilab (*Mridaparishak*), MIR spectroscopy, greenhouse gas analyser, and Inductively Coupled Plasma Membrane Spectroscopy (ICPMS) were demonstrated. During the demonstration of *Mridaparishak*, he made a point that IISS should act as a nodal agency for soil testing and quality check for soil parameters.



Further, he emphasized that IISS should take leadership role to develop world-class laboratories for testing soil and produce quality with NABL accreditation. During the interaction meeting he has appreciated the Institute's work and advised that scientists should work very hard to develop advance technologies which will be helpful for doubling farmers' income. After the meeting Dr. J.Somasundaram, Principal Scientist proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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