

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science Celebrated 30th Foundation Day on 16th April, 2017

The 30th Foundation Day of ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science was celebrated on April 16, 2017 at the institute campus. The Institute was established in 1988 at Bhopal, under the aegis of ICAR, with a vision of “Sustaining Higher Crop Productivity and Better Soil Health through Basic Research and Technological Interventions” and mandate of “Enhancing Soil Productivity with Minimum Environmental Degradation”.



The Foundation Day programme was graced by Dr. Panjab Singh, Chancellor, Rani Lakshmbai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi and Former Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) as Chief Guest who also delivered the Foundation Day Lecture. At the outset he emphasized the importance of soil in the service of mankind. He lauded the Institute for development of *Mridaparikshak*. He felt the need of more farmer centric research programmes on soil for the benefit of society. He emphasized the importance of soil organic carbon for the sustainability of soil health and importance of conservation

agriculture. He also stressed on the need of interdisciplinary research for solving the complex future research problems.

Dr. C.K. Patil, Director General, Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (MPCOST), Bhopal, Guests of Honour of the event, emphasized the need of having more educational and awareness programmes on the role of soils for the benefit of society and also highlighted the need for collaboration among premier research and academic institutions for improving quality of research with wider dimension. Earlier, Dr. Ashok K. Patra, Director, welcomed the dignitaries and participants and appraised them about the progress made by the institute. Progressive farmers as well as institute Staff who had completed twenty years of service in ICAR-IISS were felicitated on the occasion. A Farmer-Scientist interaction programme was also organized which was attended by all with enthusiasm.

