ICAR-NBSS&LUP celebrated the WORLD SOIL DAY on 5th December 2022

ICAR-NBSS&LUP celebrated World Soil Day (WSD) on 5th December 2022. On the occasion, the Bureau organized this day an invited lecture by Hon'ble Former Vice Chancellor Dr BSKKV Dr Tapas Bhattacharya involving all the scientists of the Bureau *offline* and its Regional centres *virtually*. Dr Tapas Bhattacharya emphasized on importance of soil in daily life and encouraged and shared his experiences with the new generation scientists on working with land resource inventory (LRI) work. Dr BP Bhasker, Director, ICAR-NBSS&LUP also emphasised on the quality and importance of soils with the theme *Soils: where food begins*. The Bureau also organized the exposure visit for students of two leading schools of Nagpur in National Soil Museum. Two programmes were also arranged for school students at Sabarmeta village, Kalmeshwar and St Xavier School by doing plantations. Scientists of the Bureau Drs. MSS Nagaraju, Vice President, ISSLUP, GP Obi Reddy, GIS Incharge, M.S. Raghuvanshi, Nodal Officer, K. Kartikeyan, Secretary, ISSLUP and HL Kharbikar, PI, SCSP, AO Shirale and AM Nimkar coordinated the whole programme. All the regional centres of the Bureau also organized WSD, webinar, exposure to school students, at village level and with line-Departments like KVK and other state Govt offices.

Regional Centre, New Delhi jointly organized World Soil Day with Krishi Vigyan Kendraon Swastha Mruda ke liye Samnvit Poshan Prabandhan 2)Khadya evam Aazivika Surkshahetu Krishi Bhumi Upyog Niyojan" 2) Kehti Mein Badte Urvarako Ka Prayog Evm Mrida Sambandhi Samasiyan where local farmers participated the event, Udaipur Centre also organized World Soil Day wherein 200 school children participated in the prpgramme and were exposed to the soil museum, behaviour of saline, sodic and acidic soils in crop production, soils of Rajasthan and the soil monoliths. Kolkata centre observed World Soil Day in collaboration with SasyaShyamalaKVK, RKMVERI on 5th December, 2022. Bengaluru Centre world soil day at Gopalpura village, Gundulpet TK, Chamarajnagar district and also conducted Webinar was "Prospecting Agribusiness Cluster Using Land Resources Inventory". Regional Centre Jorhat, celebrated world soil day with the theme of "Soils, Where food begins". The Program coordinator emphasised on the importance regarding farmer awareness and Head described about the history of world soil day and the importance of 5th December. Two presentations on "Top-Down Approach in Land Use Planning-Case Studies" and "Real-time assessment of soil properties using SPECTRORADIOMETER Instrument" were delivered. Over all, during the event, 200 farmers with 480 children and 206 scientisdtrs and staff participated during World Soil Day at HQ and all its RCs.

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