

World Soil Day celebrated with awareness progs on soil health

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ITANAGAR, Dec 5: The World Soil Day was celebrated with awareness programmes on soil health in various districts of the state on Monday. At Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Lower Dibang Valley district, altogether 26 farmers from Abali and Balek village besides, members of Rayang Farmer's Club took part in the awareness programme wherein, Senior Scientist, Dr. T J Ramesha highlighted about the importance of soil and its ill effects in agriculture. SMS (Agronomy), M Panggama also imparted training on soil sampling and procedure of filling soil health card. The programme was organized to create awareness among the farming communities about the importance of soil and need for its preservation on the occasion of World Soil Day. In Anjaw, KVK also organized an awareness programme on Soil Health and Soil Health Cards at Metengliang and Chameliang. SMS (Agronomy), Khoisnam Naveen informed the farmers on how to take the soil sample for future analysis as retesting of soil will be done at every three years of interval to update the current soil status. Later, a field demonstration was also held at Metengliang. KVK Anjaw Programme Coordinator, Dr. Manish Kanwat also stressed the need and use of Soil Health Card for formulation of better production strategy. At Pasighat, KVK, East Siang and College of Horticulture & Forestry (CHF), Central Agricultural University, Pasighat organized World Soil Health Day and Rabi Sammelan along with farmers-scientists interaction programme on Soil Health Management at Jampani village, a major vegetable growing area of the district. Dean CHF, Dr. L. Wangchu advised the KVK scientists and faculties of CHF to concentrate on organic based farmer-friendly technologies. He also distributed soil health cards, fish feed and vegetable seeds of brinjal, tomato, onion and cucurbits to progressive farmers of Jampani and Sille village. The Deputy Directors (HQs), Education and Training of Agriculture Department collectively celebrated World Soil Day at the APMC Complex, Pasighat clubbing with "Kishan Ghosti" under ATMA. ADO Oni Panyang apprised the participants that East Siang all set to achieve the target of 1800 soil samples get tested for issue of soil health cards by March 2017. Prominent farmer Jokut Modi, Toggul Pertin DDA training, Okang Tamuk, DDA, education GTC also spoke on the occasion. Similar programmes were also held at Gori Village in West Siang, Deomali in Tirap and **Kumari Kochari village in Namsai.**