

## ***“World Soil Day” celebrated on 5.12.17 at KVK-II of ERS of ICAR-NDRI, Kalyani***

Under the aegis of new KVK of Nadia district ‘World Soil Day’ was celebrated on 5.12.2017 at ERS of ICAR-NDRI, Kalyani. One day workshop was organized. Prof. Prasanta Kumar Patra, (BCKV, Mohanpur, WB) was the resource person of the programme. A series of lectures were delivered by different experts. Prof. Prasanta Kumar Patra stressed upon the need of scientific soil health management, importance of soil health card, trace element supplementation as per requirement of soil etc. On the occasion Mr Alokesh Goswami, CTO, ERS-NDRI had given emphasis on organic farming and integrated system, fertilizer policy, organic approach for livestock, poultry, bee keeping etc. A lecture was also delivered by Dr Tapas Kumar Dutta, Principal Scientist and Head, ERS, NDRI, Kalyani. Dr Dutta highlighted agro-forestry and silvi-pasture development for better soil management and higher animal productivity. The nodal Officer-KVK-II, Nadia, Dr Champak Bhakat (PS), coordinated whole programme with a broad objective of increment of agriculture production, farmer’s income which was thought provoking issues. The experts deliberated upon several technologies which can enhance the farm income on sustainable basis. Many farmers and farm entrepreneurs from different villages of Chakdah and Tehatta blocks of Nadia district and staff of ERS, actively participated the workshop. Some farmers also delivered their view on this subjects. Several other activities viz: short film show, distribution of seed, pamphlets etc were also done.

