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Celebration of World Soil Day 2022 on 5th December, 2022

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati organized the celebration of the World Soil Day on 05.12.2022 at the Rathindra KVK campus. In this programme 40 numbers of practicing farmers and farm women, 4 numbers of scientists, 68 numbers of students of 7th semester of B.Sc. (Agriculture) Honours Course of Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati participated.

At first, Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head of Rathindra KVK Welcome the participants and read out the messages Sent by Sri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Govt of India and Dr. Himanshu Pathak Hon'ble D.G., Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). After that, Dr. J.K. Chatterjee, Vice Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Nodal Officer of Visva-Bharati for ICAR and Head, Dept. of Animal Science, Visva-Bharati described the role of Soil Health to maintain Animal Health. Prof. Goutam Kumar Ghosh, Dept. of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, delivered a speech on the theme **"Soils: Where Food Begins"**. Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati nicely pointed out the important issues related to Soil Health and Productivity. He also narrated the importance of Soil Health Card. Dignitaries of the programme distributed 20 (twenty) numbers of Soil Health Card to the farmers of different villages. Students of Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati interpreted the Soil Health Cards and discussed with the farmers regarding proper interpretation of reports of Soil Health as mentioned on the Soil Health Cards and subsequent recommendation for nutrients to be applied for the next crop. Then Senior Scientist and Head demonstrated the method of collecting soil sample for preparation and testing. The programme was ended with proper vote of thanks.

Reading of Messages Sent by Sri Narendra Singh Tomar Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Dr. Himanshu Pathak Hon'ble D.G. ICAR by Senior Scientist and Head Rathindra KVK, Birbhum.



**Presidential Address by Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture),
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Distribution of Soil Health Card on the eve of World Soil Day - 2022



Interpretation of Soil Health Card by Students and Farmers at Rathindra KVK

