

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON WORLD SOIL DAY

Report



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Awareness among people gives an insight and knowledge about the practices to adopt and changes to do to improve the faulty to lead success in every aspect of life. The farmers, the food givers for the society are the important population segment in the country. They are suffering from so many difficulties among which changes in soil fertility is one. Soil is the basic component of agriculture which contains nutrients & provides, promotes plant growth and resistance to pests. Considering these facts

Government of India has launched a flagship programme for providing information on available nutrient status for crops and issuing soil health cards to the farmers to facilitate farmers for better understanding of soil and integrated nutrient management. We all know that soil is the basis for agriculture and protecting the soil is the basic responsibility. Unfortunately, quality and yields of agriculture produce is not at expected level due to deficiency of various nutrients. At the same time, there is excessive usage of certain nutrients. All this is happening as farmer is not fully aware of maintenance of soil nutrients and adoption of safe application of fertilisers in balanced and required quantities. In view of this, the centre for Extension Studies proposed to organise an awareness programme on soil health management on the eve of world soil Day falls on 5th December of every year.

The faculty of the centre have visited Cherlopalli village and discussions were below with group leader to make the members of the group to attend the programme. On 5th December 2021 awareness programme on soil health was organised collaboratively by Centre for Extension Studies & Department of Adult and



Continuing Education. The programme commenced at 4 PM as it is convenient time for the participants to attend. Dr. R. B. Sathyavati spoke on the importance of soil, types of soils and the care that should be taken to maintain soil health. Prof. K. Sudha Rani Director, Centre for Extension Studies explained the importance of soil. Essentially, all life depends upon the soil. There can be no life without soil and no soil without life. They have

evolved to gather. Let us promote healthy soil for healthy life. Soil is where life begins, and soil is where food begins. The world soil day celebrated as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources. Soil is a critical component of nature system and a vital contributor for human wellbeing though its contribution to food, water and energy security and mitigation of biodiversity. World soil day 2021s' Theme is "Halt

soil sodinisation, boost soil productivity" with a motive to raise awfulness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystem and lumen wellbeing. She also explained the damage of soil and its impact on agriculture, on the health of human beings and economic damage due to crop loss. She said that the composition of different nutrients' to get good yield in different crops. Dr. T. Ananda, PDF, Dept. of Economics explained the need of soil test before



starting the cropping, method of taking soil samples and information about the soil testing facilities. Dr. E. Mahadeva Reddy, academic consultant has given the details of issue of soil health cards to the farmers by the Government agriculture department and the procedure to make use of it. The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Uma Devi, Dept. of Centre for Extension Studies.