

## ICAR-CIPHET celebrated World Soil Day on 05, December 2022

AICRP on PEASEM, ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana celebrated World Soil Day on 5, December 2022 at village Dhak Majra along with its co-operating centre in Dept of Soil & Water Engineering, PAU Ludhiana. Soil is one of the important components of ecosystem. It is often called production base and soul for sustaining life on the earth plant. This day signifies the importance of soil in our ecosystem i.e. where food begins. A series of lectures were delivered by experts on maintaining health and enhancing productivity of soil. Dr Angrej Singh, Associate Professor, COAET, PAU, Ludhiana enlightened farmers about importance of soil health and proper treatment to be undertaken to maintain the soil health. Dr Rakesh Sharda, PI, AICRP on PEASEM, PAU briefed about shortage of nutrients in soil and water and how to fulfil the required nutrients of soil for crop production. He also highlighted on saving of water through use of drip irrigation. Healthy soil will lead to healthy plants, healthy food and in turn to healthy humans. Dr. Jugraj Singh, Associate Professor briefed about the need for and importance of celebration of world soil day and soil health card. Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR CIPHET highlighted about the use of proper nutrition and fertilizers to save soil for a healthy future and on post-harvest management and value addition of agricultural commodities. Dr. Sanjiv Kataria, I/c KVK Noor Mahal, Dr. Gurmeet Singh Agriculture Officer, Phillaur were also present during the occasion. About 80 participants which includes farmers, staffs from ICAR-CIPHET, Scientist from PAU and KVK Noor Mahal attended the programme.



