Department of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation
World Soil Day Celebration on 5th December 2017
Press Release

The Dept. of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation has organized various functions in the state to create awareness among the public on the importance of Soil Conservation for a healthy ecosystem and for our own food security.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the State level function held at Kanakakkunnu Palace on 5th December 2017 at 11 a.m. presided by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Adv. V.S. Sunilkumar. The Hon'ble MLA Sri. K. Muraleedharan, Dr. T. N. Seema, Executive Vice-Chairperson of Haritha Keralam Mission and a host of dignitaries graced the occasion. In his presidential address the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture emphasised on the need for adopting soil based fertiliser recommendations to view to improve soil health and enhance organic matter status of the soil. He also lauded the efforts of Haritha Keralam Mission in organising various developmental programmes for natural resource conservation throughout the state. The State Agriculture Production Commissioner & Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Sri. Tikka Ram Meena I A S delivered the welcome address.

During the inaugural program, Hon'ble Chief Minister launched a mobile app "Mannine ariyam mobililoode" developed by Soil Survey and Soil Conservation Department using geospatial technology in consultation with the IT Department. The Hon'ble Chief minister suggested to extend the utility of the app to the farmers of entire state. The Micro watershed Atlas of the Panchayats of all seven northern districts from Kasargod to Thrissur were released during the function inorder to facilitate the implementation of various developmental programs as part of the Haritha Keralam Mission. In his inaugural speech reiterated the need for creating awareness among the public on the need for natural resource conservation. The recently
launched comprehensive drought mitigation project for Mullankolly, Pulpally and Poothadi panchayats of wayanad districts undr Haritha keralam would relicated in other districts also. The Chief Minister also directed the Department of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation o take soil and water conservation projects in Perumatti panchayat of palakkad district which faces serious environmental repercussions due to over exploitation of water resource by the Coca cola company.

A special postal stamp prepared to commemorate the event, documentary prepared depicting the activities of the Department were also released during the inaugural session. Further, Soil Health Cards were distributed to farmers to mark the completion of distribution of 8 lakh soil health cards to farmers.

Dr. T. N. Seema, Executive Vice-Chairperson of Haritha Keralam Mission delivered the key note address and Sri. R. Sunder, CGM, NABARD presented report on the Role of NABARD in soil conservation activities. Prizes for students who won the painting and essay competitions were also distributed.

A Technical Seminar was also organised on Agricultural Development through Harithakeralam Mission, Climate Change and Natural Resource Conservation have also been organized. An exhibition on the importance of soil and different types of soils of Kerala was also arranged at the venue for the benefit of farmers and public. A quiz programme was also organised for school students as part of celebrations.

The Director of Soil Survey and Soil Conservation Sri. J. Justin Mohan IFS delivered the vote of thanks.

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