

ICAR-DIRECTORATE OF COLDWATER FISHERIES RESEARCH, BHIMTAL

Organized

‘WORLD SOIL DAY’ on 5th December, 2017

- 1. Name of the University/Institution: ICAR- Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research**
- 2. Location of the programme : ICAR- Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal**
- 3. Name of the Guests of Honour: Shri. Saurabh Rautela, President, Vyapaar Mandal, Bhimtal; Mr. R. P. Tamta, DDF (Fy.), Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Uttarakhand**
- 4. Activities undertaken (in bullet form)**
 - **Lecture on “Role of Soil in better productivity of Aquaculture”**
 - **Group discussion and farmers interaction**
 - **Soil health card**

In pursuance of the council circular **ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal** has organized **“World Soil Day”** on 5th December, 2017. A total of 50 participants including 24 progressive fish farmers of district Nainital participated with keenness and enthusiasm. Shri. Saurabh Rautela ji, President, Vyapar mandal, Bhimtal graced the function in presence of Shri. R. P. Tamta, Deputy Director of Fisheries and other Officers from State Fisheries Department. On this occasion, Dr. D. Sarma, Principal Scientist welcomed all the guests and participants and highlighted the importance of soil health cards in smart fish farming in hill in view of doubling the farmer’s income. He also sought that water quality parameters of the ponds to be recorded for further improvement in culture system. Shri Saurabh Rautela ji emphasised for the easy and regular advisory to the farmers for better soil management. Shri R. P. Tamta highlighted the importance of conserving soil fertility during the fish pond construction and appreciated the technical advisory to the farmers from DCFR. He also urged that ponds health cards will be issued to the farmers in the district. The technical talk was delivered by Dr. N. N. Pandey, Principal Scientist, Dr. Prem Kumar, Principal Scientist and Dr. S. Ali, Scientist, ICAR-DCFR for better soil productivity in aquaculture, correction of soil and organic farming. The fish farmers were informed about the optimum range of soil quality parameters for fish farming. It was emphasized and urged to the all fish farmers for keeping the record of the soil health of their fish ponds management by taking farm advisory from the DCFR. A group discussion and farmers and scientists interaction was also conducted with the focus of innovations and improvement of farmer’s production, experiences and better management of aquaculture pond soil. It was advised to form what’s app group including fish farmers, officers of State Fisheries Department and Scientists from DCFR for prompt information and advisory for the benefit of the farmers.





