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MESSAGE

Agriculture sector is the main user of land in the country and therefore, sustainable management of soil resource is vital to ensure food, nutrition, livelihood and environmental security of the country. Although the food production has increased to a great extent to feed our population through agricultural intensification, concern has been raised by researchers, planners and farmers on deterioration of soil resource.

Indian agriculture is, presently, subjected to widespread land degradation, groundwater imbalances, impaired soil health, contamination of foods and environmental pollution. The situation is getting compounded further with the adverse impacts of climate change on agriculture. The real challenge before the scientists is to provide stewardship for up-keeping health of our precious soil resource to sustain higher crop productivity without causing any deterioration to soil health.

It gives me a great pleasure to note that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is celebrating World Soil Day on 05 December every year to create awareness among the stakeholders on significance of healthy soil for healthy life with the message '*Save Soil Save Humanity*'.

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