## World Soil Day celebrated by CAZRI and Krishi Vigyan Kendra

World Soil Day was celebrated at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, CAZRI Jodhpur on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Dr. I.D. Arya, Director, Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur graced the occasion as a chief guest. He stressed upon improvement of soil health by using of organic manure & fertilizer. He appreciated the remarkable efforts of the institute in demonstration, transfer and up scaling of improved technologies in a challenging production environment.

More than Two hundred and fifty farmers and farm women from 24 different villages of Jodhpur district participated in the programme. Hundred Soil Health Cards were distributed to the farmers.

Dr. O.P.Yadav, Director, CAZRI, Jodhpur chaired the programme and highlighted the importance of Soil Health Day and Soil card. He further mentioned that improving agriculture productivity by adopting new and innovative technologies developed by CAZRI and elsewhere would play a catalytic role in improving economic status of farmers.

Dr. S.K.Sharma, Head KVK, Jodhpur and coordinator of the programme gave information about importance of Soil Health and he has focused on soil and water testing. He suggested to farmers that every field should be tested after each cropping season. He also gave detailed information on soil sample collection, methodology and composting on farmer's field.

