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Dehradun, 7 April, 2018. The ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun celebrated its 45th Annual Day. Shri Subodh Uniyal, Minister of Agriculture and Horticulture, Uttarakhand Chief Guest highlighted the importance of soil and water conservation in agriculture and the prima role agriculture plays in livelihoods of rural Uttarakhand.



He emphasized on the idea of Community Farming and “Chak Bandi” as a solution to the migration problem. The State has lost 15% of its agricultural land in the past 17 years since its inception, which is an alarming fact and needs to be checked immediately to preserve social and geographical diversity of the State, he added. He stressed upon importance of organic farming and horticulture in the state for benefit of farmers.

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