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Celebrations

61st Foundation Day of Regional Centre, IISWC

Udhagamandalam, 20 October 2015. The Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (IISWC), Regional Centre, celebrated 61 Foundation Day at Rees Corner, Ooty, Tamil Nadu. Shri C.Bathrasamy (District Forest Officer, The Nilgiris) chaired the function and focused on soil and water conservation, watershed management and forest hydrology research for southern region and pointed out that the soil and water management is crucial and the impact of conservation structures/ measures will reflect in other regions also. Shri Bathrasamy stressed upon the importance of evergreen and deciduous forest on reducing the climate change impact on national and global level.

Dr O.P.S. Khola (Head, IISWC Regional Centre) said that the soil and water conservation technologies and watershed concept developed by the Institute is adopted all over India. Dr Khosla also highlighted the policy recommendation on banning of eucalyptus tree plantation in Nilgiris as the research output of the hydrological studies conducted over the period of 16 years which was implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Dr Khosla also emphasized that the Nilgiris being an ecologically sensitive region has to be conserved as this region is supporting for water and electricity needs of adjoining districts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka.

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