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**World Soil Day**

• Dehra Dun, 5 December 2015. The Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation organized World Soil Day in association with Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation.

Dr P.K. Mishra (Director, IISW) led the 'pledge on Save Soil Campaign'. Dr Rajender Dobhal (DG, UCOST) suggested farmers for applying manures and fertilizer on the basis of soil-test report and crop requirement. Dr Mishra highlighted the importance of soil micro-nutrients to vegetable and fruit crops with specific example of tomato and pomegranate.

The scientists discussed about assessment and management of soil health, and highlighted the importance of soil conservation in managing soil health.

Shri Rajkumar (Parliament Secretary, Uttarakhand) expressed his concern on shrinking farming land around Dehradun and migration from the hills.

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