## A training programme of one week duration (4-9 February, 2013) on 'Soil and Water Conservation organized at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna



The second Training programme of one week duration (04-09 Feb. 2013) on 'Soil and Water Conservation' was organized at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. This training programme was sponsored by Department of Environment and Forest, Bihar. Twenty six participants of the level of Forest Officers, Forest Rangers and Technicals from different Forest divisions of Bihar participated in this training programme. Dr. Mangla Rai, Ex-DG, ICAR and Agriculture Advisor, Govt. of Bihar was the Chief Guest in the inaugural function. Shri S.S. Chaudhary, Chief Conservator, Shri Ravi Shankar Kumar, DFO, Dr. B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, Dr. Ashutosh Upadhyaya, Principal Scientist and Head, Division of Land and Water Management and Course Director, and Dr. Adlul Islam, Principal Scientist (SWCE) and Dr. Ajay Kumar, Senior Scientist (SWCE), Course Co-Directors and other scientists were also present in the inaugural function.

The training course on soil and water conservation was designed to address theoretical as well as practical aspects of agronomic, agro forestry, vegetative and engineering measures to conserve soil and water resources in a watershed. This time training course also included application of remote sensing and GIS in resource planning and management as well as livelihood improvement through watershed management. In order to provide field exposure to trainees, a two days field visit on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2013 to DVC, Hazaribagh and Gaya was also organized under the supervision of Dr. Ajay Kumar, Course Co-Director.

In valedictory function, Shri Deepak Kumar Singh, Secretary Environment and Forest was the Chief Guest and Shri B.N. Jha, Principal Chief Conservator Forest, Bihar was the Guest of Honour. Trainees expressed their satisfaction about the lectures delivered and field visit experienced. Chief Guest expressed hope for long term association with ICAR for further skill up gradation of staff of Department of Environment and Forest, Patna. Dr. Ashutosh Upadhyaya, Course Director proposed vote of thanks.



Inauguration of Training Programme by Dr. Mangla Rai (Ex-DG, ICAR & Agriculture Advisor, Govt. of Bihar) along with Shri S.S. Chaudhary, Chief Conservator Forest and Dr. B.P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna



From left Shri S.S. Chaudhary, CCF Patna, Shri B. N. Jha, PCCF, Bihar, Shri Deepak Kumar Singh, Secretary, Environment and Forest, Govt. of Bihar and Dr. B. P. Bhatt, Director, ICAR-RCER, Patna in Valedictory function of Training Programme.