

**A training programme of one week duration (20-26 December, 2012) on ‘Soil and Water Conservation organized at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna**



A training programme of one week duration (20-26 December, 2012) on ‘Soil and Water Conservation’ was organized at ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna. The training programme was sponsored by Department of Environment and Forest, Bihar. Twenty seven participants of the level of Forest Officers, Forest Range Officers and Technicals from different Forest divisions of Bihar participated in this training programme. Mr. Deepak Kumar, Secretary, Department of Environment and Forest, 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.

This training program was specially meant for forest officers and technical staffs of Forest department to address theoretical as well as practical aspects of agronomic, agro forestry, vegetative and engineering measures to conserve soil and water resources on a watershed basis. In order to provide field exposure to trainees, a two days field visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2012 to DVC, Hazaribagh and Gaya was also organized in which Er. T.R.Yadav and Dr. Ajay Kumar, Course Co-Director explained the different water harvesting structures and temporary and permanent soil conservation structures in a watershed. Trainees showed their interest in the practical aspect of the soil conservation measures.