## Soil Testing & Water Quality Assessment Training Program Starts Today

ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa Krishi is organizing a 1-week training program on "Soil Testing and Water Quality Assessment" that started today, October 31, 2023 at ZTM & BPD Unit, IARI Campus, New Delhi.

As many as 18 candidates from different parts of the country attended the training session.

Dr. Akriti Sharma, In-charge, ZTM and BPD Unit welcomed all the participants and gave a brief introduction about the IARI, its activities and training programs.

Prior to lunch a session on 'Soil testing service in India: challenges and opportunities' was conducted by Dr Debashis Mandal followed by session on 'Soil and plant sampling techniques, sample collection and processing' by Dr Sarvendra Kumar, Mrs. Ankita Trivedi, Mr Arvindh and Mr Anurodh. The day ended with a lecture on 'Determination of soil pH and EC by different methods – comparison and interpretation' by Dr KM Manjaiah and Mr Ashok Kumar.

The one-week training will provide students with hands-on experience in soil testing and water quality analysis. They will also get to know about the Pusa STFR meter and how to handle & maintain laboratory equipment used in soil and water analysis. Moreover, trainees will get acquainted with fertilizer and amendment recommendation protocols.