

## IIRR CELEBRATED WORLD SOIL DAY

ICAR-IIRR organised world soil day on 5th of December, 2017 at Burguda, Shadnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy district. There were around 30 farmers participated in the programme. Farmers from nearby villagers brought 30 soil samples. Soil samples were analysed by the rapid soil health testing kit and the soil health cards were generated on the spot and they were distributed in the function organised. Farmers were also given Leaf Colour Charts and the importance of urea economy was made known. Based on tested soil parameters, the interpretations were made in very simple local Telugu language by the scientists. Participating scientist from ICAR-IIRR, also gave several lectures and displayed a number of charts, diagrams, images depicting the importance of soil health and the sustainable management of soils. They also emphasized the importance of INM, STCR, GREEN MANURING, and VERMICOMPOSTING. Vermi compost on ready-made vermi bed was displayed and the preparation of vermi compost was demonstrated to participating farmers. The meeting ended with vote of thanks followed by lunch to all the visiting farmers. From, ICAR-IIRR, 5 scientists and one technical officer participated in the function.

