

Dehra Dun:

- Dr. Ambrish Kumar chaired a technical session on Water, Environment and Health in the International Conference on Sustainable Technologies for Intelligent Water Management” organized jointly by the Department of WRD&M, IIT Roorkee, and IWRS at IIT Roorkee during Feb. 16-19, 2018.
- Dr. Ambrish Kumar delivered a lecture on participatory gravity flow water conveyance system for irrigation in Himalayan foothills in the training programme organized by National Centre for Good Governance (LBSNAA), Mussorie (Uttarakhand) for the senior level officers and engineers of Rajasathan on 23/2/2018.
- Dr. Ambrish Kumar invited as a Guest of Honour on the World Water Day -2018 organized by IWRS and Institution of Engineers (India) at IIT Roorkee on March 27, 2018.
- Dr. Indu Rawat got 1st prize in 'Nibandh Pratiyogita' organized on the occasion of 'Swachhta hi sewa programme' during 15-9-2017 to 02-10-2017.
- Dr. Indu Rawat got 1st prize in an essay competition on 'Rashtrahit me Swachhta ka mahatva' in a programme on Swachhta Pakhwara during Sep 14-20, 2017.
- Dr. Indu Rawat got 'Young Scientist award' in the National Seminar on 'Transforming Agriculture to doubling farmers' income' which was organized by Samagra Vikas Welfare Society (SVWS) in association with Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow during Feb 10-11, 2018.
- Dr. Trisha Roy received the Best poster award during the conference FFCSWR, 2018 at AAU, Gujarat for presenting poster on “Use of Pusa Hydrogel to improve the productivity of rice in the foothills of Himalayas”
- Dr. M. Sankar, Scientist was conferred with the award of “International Young Scientist Award” for outstanding contribution in Agriculture in Farmer workshop by Hind Agri-Horticultural Society held at Umarpur, Musaffarnagar (U.P.) on 9th September, 2017.
- Dr. Raman Jeet Singh, Scientist received Young Soil Conservationist award of Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationist for the year 2017.
- Dr. M. Sankar, Scientist awarded Visiting Scientist Fellowship by Chinese Academy of Science, to Visit State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Geochemistry, China. Visited from 08.05.2017 to 15.05.2017.
- Dr. U.K. Maurya nominated as External Examiner by Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences (SHAUTS), Allahabad to conduct M.Sc. (Ag.) Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry Examination of Naini Institute of Agricultural (NIA) Sciences, for the period of July-Dec., 2017.
- Dr. M. Sankar, Scientist awarded Internal Grant of University of Reading, UK and NERC, Soil Security Programme, UK for participate GCRF collaborative project workshop at University of Reading, UK. Visited from 13.03.2018 to 14.03.2018.
- Dr. U.K. Maurya nominated as External Examiner by Banaras Hindu University Varanasi to conduct practical exam of B.Sc. (Hons) at Dept. of Geology, Centre of Advanced Study, Institute of Sciences, during 5-6, Dec. 2017.
- Dr. Gopal Kumar, Sr. Scientist awarded best poster award for the poster on “Design and development of up-flow filter and two component filter for direct well recharge” by Gopal Kumar et al., in FFCSWR-2018 held at AAU Anand, Gujarat, 1 to 3rd Feb 2018.
- Dr. Gopal Kumar, Sr. Scientist awarded best paper award in oral category for the paper “Development of a low cost automatic runoff sampling setup for small hilly catchments” by Gopal Kumar et al., in the national seminar on smart farming for enhancing input use efficiency, income and environmental security (SFEIES) at Umiam Meghalaya, from 19th to 21st Sept 2018.
- Dr. Gopal Kumar, Sr. Scientist awarded best paper award in oral category for the paper “Potential litchi growing areas in India and consideration of climate change” by Gopal Kumar et al., in the national conference on “Perspective of Challenges and Options in Litchi Production and Utilization.” At ICAR-NRCL, from 6-8 June 2017.
- Dr. Gopal Kumar, Sr. Scientist awarded best paper award in oral category for the paper “Identifying potential litchi growing areas and adaptations under projected climate change” by Gopal Kumar et al., in the national conference on

“Technological challenges and innovations in agriculture for enhancing farmers income” at JAU, Junagarh, Gujarat from 28th to 31st May 2017.

- Dr. Gopal Kumar, Sr. Scientist awarded best paper award for the paper “Advances in Understanding Beneficial Plant Microbe Interaction and Their Applications in Litchi” by Vinod Kumar and Gopal Kumar in the national conference on “Perspective of Challenges and Options in Litchi Production and Utilization.” At ICAR-NRCL,, from 6-8 June 2017.
- Dr. Gopal Kumar, Sr. Scientist won gold medal in Discus throw during North Zone ICAR sports meet-2017 held at ICAR-IISR, Lucknow, 29th Oct -2nd Nov 2017.
- Dr. Gopal Kumar, Sr. Scientist won gold medal in Discus throw during ICAR-Inter-Zonal sports meet held at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad, 21st to 25th Feb 2018.

Agra:

- Dr. S.K.Dubey received award for his contribution in Hindi from NARAKAS Agra.

Ballary:

- Dr. S.L. Patil, Head of the Centre, was nominated by DDG (NRM), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, as a Member of Zonal Monitoring Committee (ZMC) for KVK Gadag and KVK Kalaburgi, Karnataka.
- Dr. Ravi Dupdal, Scientist (Ag. Economics), was awarded Ph.D degree by the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad, Karnataka during 2017.
- Sh. Amrut Morade, Scientist (Fruit Science), was awarded Merit certificate in “Conservation Forestry” and “Study Tour” in four months “Certificate Course on Soil and Water Conservation and watershed Management” organized at ICAR-IISWC, DehraDun.
- Dr. B.S. Naik, Scientist (Engg) obtained 2nd place in Hindi written competition organized on the occasion of National Hindi Divas on 14-09-2017 at ICAR-IISWC, RC, Ballari (Karnataka).

Datia:

- Dr. R.S. Yadav conferred 'Fellow – 2017' Indian Society of Agroforestry by Indian Society of Agroforestry, ICAR – CAFRI, Jhansi

Kota

- Dr. Shakir Ali, principal scientist (Engg.), awarded K.F. Antia Memorial Prize by The Institution of Engineers (India) during 32nd Indian Engineering Congress at Chennai on December 21, 2017 for the best paper “Estimation of time variant water availability and irrigation potential of small ponds in a semi-arid region of Rajasthan, India published in *J. Inst. Eng. India Ser. A*, 97(1):43–51.
- Dr. G.L. Meena, Scientist (Soils) awarded Young Scientist Award in the International Conference on Conservation and Management of Agricultural & Natural Resources: Strategies for Food Security in Developing Countries organised by Career Point University, Kota, during 8-9th November, 2017.
- Dr. H.R. Meena, Sr. Scientist (Horticulture) awarded Life Time Achievement Award in the International Conference on Conservation and Management of Agricultural & Natural Resources: Strategies for Food Security in Developing Countries organised by Career Point University, Kota, during 8-9th November, 2017.

Koraput

- Dr. Ch. Jyotiprava Dash awarded Merit Certificate at ICAR- IISWC- Dehradun in Oct, 2017 under 4 month training programme.
- Dr. Praveen Jakhar awarded IASWC-Young Scientist Award for the year -2017 by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationist, Dehradun.
- Dr. Karma Beer received Shrestha Rajbhasa Karmi Award Nagar Rajbhasa Karyanayan Samiti, ^{Koraput} Sunabeda in 29, Jan, 2018.
- Dr. P.P. Adhikary, et al. received best paper award by SADHNA, Dr YS Parmar University of Horti. & Forestry, Solan, HP. in 2018.
- Dr. P.P. Adhikary, et al. received best poster award during the conference on FFCSWR-2018, IASWC & AAU, held at Anand, Gujarat in 1-3rd Feb, 2018.
- Dr. M. Madhu, et al. received best poster award during the conference on FFCSWR-2018, AAU, held at Anand, Gujarat, 1-3rd Feb, 2018.

Udhagamandalam:

- ICAR- IISWC, Research Centre Udhagamandalam has been awarded with second prize for “Best Joint Programme Organizing in Hindi” by Town Official Language Implementation Committee
- Dr. O.P.S. Khola, Principal Scientist & Head was the Chief Guest for the Closing Function of Hindi Pakhwara Celebration and Prize Distribution at ICAR - CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore on 27 Oct. 2017.
- Dr.V.Selvi received the Best Research Paper Award – 2017 of IASWC, Dehradun during the Inaugural Function of Conference on Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in Western Region (FFCSWR-2018) held at Anand Agricultural University, Anand during Feb 1-3, 2018.
- Dr. K. Rajan, Principal Scientist evaluated one M.Sc. and one Ph.D. Thesis and Dr. P. Raja, Sr. Scientist evaluated one M.Sc. Thesis.
- Dr S Manivannan, Principal Scientist (SWCE) attended DPC meeting for promotion of Scientists at ICAR – National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Baramati on 15th May 2017 as subject expert member nominated by DG, ICAR.
- Dr. S. Manivannan, Principal Scientist was Guest of Honour for the 2nd Annual Greenathon organised under the theme of “Save our shoals and springs” organised at St Joseph's College, Coonoor, Nilgiris on 07.10.2017.
- Dr. S. Manivannan, Principal Scientist participated as guest of honour and delivered a special address in special outreach programme on agriculture welfare schemes on 13.12.2017 at Anaimalai, Coimbatore District organized by Department of Field Publicity, Government of India.
- Dr. S. Manivannan, Principal Scientist attended Scientific Expert Committee Meeting at Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai on 21.11.2017.
- Dr. S. Manivannan, Principal Scientist delivered inaugural address as Chief Guest in the inaugural function of VelaanThiruvizha 2018 (Agriculture Mela 2018) organised by Sakthi Institute of Engineering and Technology on 06.01.2018.
- Dr. P. Raja, Sr. Scientist Chaired the Technical Session on “Paleoclimate and Monsoonal Changes” on 17th August 2017 on 17th August, 2017 in XXVI Indian Colloquium on Micropaleontology and Stratigraphy (ICMS - 2017) organized by Department of Geology, University of Madras, Guindy Campus, Chennai during 17-19 August, 2017.
- Dr. P. Raja Sr. Scientist participated as expert member in the panel discussion on "Climate Change Implications on Monsoonal Changes” on 17th August, 2017 in XXVI Indian Colloquium on Micropaleontology and Stratigraphy (ICMS - 2017) organized by Department of Geology, University of Madras, Guindy Campus Chennai during 17-19 August, 2017.

Vasad:

- Dr. Gaurav Singh, Scientist (LWME) awarded with third prize in essay writing competition in Vigilance Awareness Week organised at Dehradun during 30.10.2017 to 04.11.2017
- Dr. Gaurav Singh, Scientist (LWME) awarded with four merit certificates in 117th batch of four months certificate course on “Soil & Water Conservation and Watershed Management” during 09.10.2017 to 08.02.2018 at ICAR-IISWC, DehraDun.
- Dr. V.C. Pande, Principal Scientist et al. awarded best paper during the conference FFCSWR, 2018 at AAU, Gujarat (February 1-3, 2018) for the paper entitled “Watershed Management for Resource Conservation and livelihood Security in Central Gujarat”.