

Awards and Recognition

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DehraDun :

- Dr. Lakhan Singh received Best Community Mobilizer Award from Society of Community Mobilization for Sustainable Development, New Delhi on 10.12.2016 at Port Blair.
- Dr. Lakhan Singh received SEE Fellow Award conferred by Society of Extension Education during National Extension Education Congress held at NAARM, Hyderabad from 28-30 January, 2017.
- Dr. Lakhan Singh got IASWC Gold Medal Award (Scientists/Reseracher) by IASWC, Dehradun during FFCSWR-2017 at Guwahati from 9-11 February 2017.
- Shri Suresh Kumar received IASWC Gold Medal Award (Technical Skills) by IASWC, Dehradun during FFCSWR-2017 at Guwahati from 9-11 February 2017.
- Dr. Lakhan Singh, Head (HRD&SS) nominated by the ICAR as Member, Institute Management Committee of ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VI Jodhpur for 3 years (2016-2019).
- Dr. D.V. Singh received best poster presentation award for the paper entitled "Plant Nutrients Availability in Hilly Areas of Uttarakhand for Precise Soil Fertility Management" authored by Singh, D.V., P. K. Mishra, S. Patra, Gambhir Singh, Ashok Kumar and Sarita Gupta presented in National Seminar on "Soil Health Assessment with Maridaprikshak" held during Nov. 4-5, 2016 at IISS, Bhopal.
- Dr. D.V. Singh received best oral presentation award for the paper entitled "Influence of Rainfall Intensity on Runoff and Soil loss in the Temperate Hilly Region of Western Ghats, India authored by Kannan, K., V.Selvi, D.V.Singh, P.Raja, D. Dinesh and O.P.S. Khola presented in "*Shift in climate, crops and cropping systems*" session in the National symposium on "Climate driven food production system, Agro-meteorological intervention" held at TNAU, Coimbatore from 20-22, Dec., 2016.
- Dr. D.V. Singh received best poster presentation award for the paper entitled "Evaluation of hydrological behaviour and production potential of recommended landuse system/ practices in the Nilgiri hills, India authored by K. Kannan, D.V.Singh, V.Selvi and O.P.S. Khola presented in the Conference on Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in North-Eastern Region held at Guwahati, Assam during 9-11, Feb., 2017.
- Dr. Rajesh Kaushal assigned the responsibility of Member, Forest Advisory Committee, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, N. Delhi.
- Dr. Rajesh Kaushal, Sr. Scientist (Forestry) assigned the responsibility of Member of Implementation Team for Testing and Releasing of Tree Varieties and Clones for Haryana, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh States by FRI, Dehradun.
- Dr. Rajesh Kaushal assigned the responsibility of Editor, Indian Journal of Agroforestry by Indian Society of Agroforestry, Jhansi
- Dr. Trisha Roy received the overall merit certificate for the 114th batch of 4months certificate course and merit certificates in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering and Soil Management for Land Degradation.
- Dr. Trisha Roy got the Best Doctoral Thesis Award from the Indian Society of Soil Science for her Ph.D. thesis work at the 81st Convention of Indian Society of Soil Science held at Gwalior from 20-23 October, 2016.
- Ms. C. Jana, Scientist received first prize in "Shruti Lekhan" and "Laghu lekhan" Pratiyogita conducted by the institute during Hindi Saptaha celebration from September 14-21, 2016.
- Dr. N.M. Alam, Scientist (Agricultural Statistics) received the IISWC Young Conservationist Award-2016 during the Conference on Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in North East Region at AAU Campus, Guwahati during Feb. 9-11, 2017, organized by IASWC Dehradun.
- Dr N.M. Alam received Second prizes in "*Shruti Lekhan*" and "*Laghu Lekhan*" competition in Hindi *Saptaha* celebrated by the Institute during 14-21 September 2016.

- Dr. Raman Singh, Scientist completed Australia Endeavor Post-doc. Research fellowship at CSIRO Life and Environmental Sciences, Floreat, Perth, Western Australia during 11th April to 7th October, 2016
- Dr. Raman Jeet Singh received Best Young Scientist Award-2017 during 1st National Conference on "Advances in Global Research in Agriculture and Technology" during 19-20 March, 2017 at Agra organized by Society of Human Resource and Innovation, Agra.
- Dr. M. Sankar awarded Ph.D. degree on 03.10.2016 from University of Exeter (UK).
- Dr. M. Sankar received invitation from Chinese Academy of Science, China to visit their Lab and look the possibility to initiate possible collaboration between both institutes with their cost.
- Dr. M. Sankar received letter of support from the University of Exeter for collaborative project to support technical and analysis of Caesium-137 with their cost.
- Shri. Nirmal Kumar, Ex-Chief Technical Officer was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for being adjudged the best out-going staff- Director's choice for the year 2015-16.
- Shri. J.S. Deshwal, Sr. Technical Officer was awarded Institute best worker award for the year 2016-17.
- Smt. Saroj Semwal, Assistant Administrative Officer was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for being adjudged the best out-going staff- Director's choice for the year 2016-17.
- Shri. Mohammad Irfan, Junior Finance and Accounts Officer was awarded Institute best worker award for the year 2016-17.
- Smt Manjula Dobhal, PA, was awarded Institute best worker award for the year 2016-17.
- Shri. P.S.Rawat, Skilled Supporting Staff was awarded Institute best worker award for the year 2016-17.

Agra :

- Dr. S.K.Dubey, Head, Research Centre Agra, received award for his par excellence in Soil Conservation Techniques at Karnal.
- The work done for implementation of Rajbhasha at the Research Center was acknowledged and appreciated by the office of official language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Center was suitably awarded by Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanayan Samiti , Agra.
- Dr. A.K.Singh was awarded fellowship by The Institution of Engineers (India) on 31 October, 2016.



Bellary :

- Dr. B. S. Naik, Scientist (SWCE) has been awarded with the Ph. D. Degree from OUAT, Bhubaneswar during 36th convocation of OUAT on 13-02-2017 on the topic 'Optimal Land and Water Use Planning for Koraput district in Eastern Region of Odisha'.
- Best poster award (Theme 6: Policy Issues) for - Framework for Assessing Soil Security in Watersheds: A Case Study. Awarded to Hrittick Biswas, A. Raizada, Suresh Kumar, B.S. Naik, A.S. Morade and P. Mohan Kumar in FFCSWR-2017 conference at Gauhati, Assam (09-11, Feb 2017)
- Best poster award (Theme 2: Strategies, Opportunities and Potentials) for - Soil Biochemical Properties and Water Infiltration under High Density Mango in Red Soils, awarded to A.S. Morade, M. Pannirselvam, R.M. Kurian, A.N. Ganeshamurthy and H. Biswas in FFCSWR-2017 conference at Gauhati, Assam (09-11, Feb 2017).
- Sh. K.Someswara Rao, Senior Technical Officer, was awarded best worker award for the year 2016-17

Chandigarh :

- Dr. V.K.Bhatt was granted fellow of The Institutions of Engineers (India) on 31.10.2016
- Dr. V.K.Bhatt was awarded fellow of the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationist (IASWC) at a conference on FFCSWR at Guwahati on 9th February 2017.
- Dr. Pankaj Panwar received best research paper award for the research paper "Panwar Pankaj, Sharmistha Pal and A.K.Tiwari (2016) Impact of *Lantana camara* Linn. Invasion on Plant Diversity, Vegetation Composition and Soil Properties in Degraded Soils of Lower Himalayan Region, India. Indian Journal of Soil Conservation 44(2): 177-184.
- Dr. Sharmistha Pal, Scientist (Soils), ICAR-IISWC, RC, Chandigarh, awarded Young Soil Conservationist Award by Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists, during Conference on "Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in North Eastern Region (FFCSWR-2017)" February 09-11, 2017, at Guwahati, Assam, India.
- Best Poster Award for poster presentation on "Effect of Tillage and Residue Management on Resource Conservation and Soil Organic Carbon Status in Degraded Soil of Shivalik" authored by, Sharmistha Pal, R.P. Yadav, S.L. Arya and A.K.Tiwari", during Conference on "Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in North Eastern Region (FFCSWR-2017)" February 09-11, 2017, at Guwahati, Assam, India.
- Dr. Sharmistha Pal, Scientist (Soils), was awarded institute best worker award for the year 2016-17.



Koraput :

- Dr. Hombegowda H.C, won the second prize in the poster presentation during AFsymp 2016 held at ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi during 3-5 December, 2016.
- Dr.P.P.Adhikary, Sci. (Soils) nominated as the editor of the journal "Indian Journal of Soil conservation".
- Dr Praveen Jakhar awarded Ph.D degree from IARI, New Delhi.

Udhagamandalam :

- ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Research Centre, Udhagamandalam was honored with "Nilgiri Conservation Award" by the Nilgiri Documentation Centre on 3rd February, 2017 at Udhagamandalam.
- Dr. V. Kasthuri Thilagam received three merit certificates for Soil management for controlling land degradation, Integrated watershed management and Local Project in four months "Certificate course on soil and water conservation and watershed management" during 8th October, 2016 to February 7th 2017 at IISWC, Dehradun.
- Best oral presentation award (Winner) of the paper entitled "Influence of Rainfall Intensity on Runoff and Soil loss in the Temperate Hilly Region of Western Ghats, India authored by Kannan, K., V.Selvi, D.V.Singh, P.Raja, D. Dinesh and O.P.S. Khola in "Shift in climate, crops and cropping systems" session in the National symposium on "Climate driven food production system, Agro-meteorological intervention" held at TNAU, Coimbatore from 20-22, Dec., 2016.
- Best poster presentation award to the paper entitled "Evaluation of hydrological behaviour and production potential of recommended landuse system/ practices in the Nilgiri hills, India authored by K. Kannan,



- D.V.Singh, V.Selvi and O.P.S. Khola in the Conference on Farmers First for Conserving Soil and Water Resources in North-Eastern Region held at Guwahati, Assam during 9-11, Feb., 2017.
- Best oral presentation award (Runner up) to the paper entitled “Land-atmosphere couplings and their implications on monsoon behaviour in hot arid desert ecosystem of Thar region, India” authored by P. Raja, Nilendu Singh, Maharaj Singh, K. Rajan, N.K. Sinha, K. Kannan, and O.P.S. Khola in National seminar “Climate driven food production system: Agro-meteorological interventions” held at TNAU, Coimbatore during 20-22, December, 2016.
 - Best oral presentation award (Runner up) of the paper entitled “Soil temperature dynamics in warm temperate ecosystem- a case study from Udthagamandalam, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu” authored by K. Rajan, P. Raja, K. Kannan and O.P.S. Khola. in National seminar “Climate driven food production system: Agro-meteorological interventions” held at TNAU, Coimbatore during 20-22, December, 2016.
 - Dr. P. Sundarambal, Dr. R. Ragupathy, Sh. M. Sivalingam, Sh. T. Shanmugam and Sh. M. Viswanathan qualified the Praveen Hindi Exam and Dr. P. Raja qualified the Prabodh Hindi Exam and Mr.A.Murugeasn qualified Pragya conducted by Dept. of Correspondence Courses, Central Hindi Directorate, Govt. of India.
 - Dr. S.. Manivannan, Principal Scientist (SWCE) visited various scientific organization at Germany from 6th to 13th November 2016 as part of the 5 week training programme on Advanced Techno-Management Programme for Scientists held at Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad from March 24 to April 26, 2014 under the scheme' National Programme for Training of Scientists / Technologists working in Government Sector' sponsored by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi.
 - Sh. V.A. Padmanabha, Asstt. Adm. Officer, was awarded Institute best worker award for the year 2016-17.

Vasad:

- Sh. V.D. Kakade awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Horticulture by Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
- Sh. T.M. Sonera, Skilled Supporting Staff, was awarded Institute best worker award for the year 2016-17.