

## **International Women's day at ICAR-IISS**

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 International Women's day was celebrated at ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science by organizing one day workshop on "Role of rural women for doubling farmers income" at the village Khamkheda, Bhopal sponsored by Farmers First programme which was in accordance with theme of this year "Press for progress". The workshop was attended by farm women of four villages (Kham Kheda, Kalyanpura, Bherupura, and Kanchbavli) and was organized at village Khamkheda, Bhopal. The farm women were given demonstration on Post harvest fruits and vegetable processing and preservation techniques by Shrimati S K Bharati (Scientist, Home science, KVK, ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal). They were also given information on role of organic fertilizers and composting in maintaining soil health and nutrition by women scientist of ICAR-IISS. At the end we conducted games for farm women and felicitated the Anganwadi and Asha workers of different villages. Overall the workshop was a great success and the feedback of farm women was overwhelming. They were all motivated and encouraged to participate in different government led schemes and programmes for women. In continuation with women's day celebration we conducted different competitions (for e.g., quiz, spot the city, rangoli, antakhashari, singing and dance) at the Institute for the working women and house wives of Institute staff. The valedictory function was graced by chief guest Dr. Preeti Chopra, B.A.M.S, PGDND MD. In her chief guest address she highlighted the importance of balanced nutrition; exercise and yoga for maintain a healthy life in women and men. She also gave information on precautions and preventions to care of common and prevalent diseases in women. Dr. A. K. Patra, director ICAR-IISS assured all women staff of gender equality, empowerment and non discrimination at workplace. Dr. Sangeeta Lenka, scientist and chairman organizing committee addressed the gathering on importance of celebrating International women's day every year to respect the achievements of women in all spheres of life. On this occasion Chief guest Dr. Preeti Chopra felicitated women achievers (2017-18) of ICAR-IISS with mementos followed by prize distribution to winners of different competitions. Finally the programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Asha Sahu scientist and member women cell.







Workshop on "Role of rural women for doubling farmers income" at the village Khamkheda, Bhopal



Valedictory function at Institute (ICAR-IISS)

PLATES OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS:



Rangoli



Singing



Dancing



Prize distribution