

Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry (SSAC), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and Academy of Natural Resource Conservation and Management (ANRCM), Lucknow organized a training program titled 'Instrumentation Techniques for Analysis of Soil, Plant and Water from 15 to 22 May, 2024 Dr VK Sharma as Course Director and Dr. Mandira Barman, Senior Scientist, Dr. Indu Chopra, Senior Scientist, Dr. Debarup Das, Scientist, and Debrup Ghosh, Ph.D. student as Co-Course Directors. The training was jointly sponsored by IFFCO, Gurugram and ANRCM, Lucknow. The training was organized for the students of various disciplines of Natural Resource Management (NRM) with the major objective of imparting training on operation and handling of different important instruments which is required for the analysis of soil, plant, and water. For the training, 20 participants joined the program. The valedictory function of the training program was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 which was attended by Dr RN Padaria, Joint Director (Extension) as the Chief Guest. Ms Sri Laxmi, IFFCO representative also joined the program as Guest of Honour who deliberated the gathering about various activities being carried out by IFFCO at research and ground root level through presentation titled "Cultivating success through cooperatives". Dr Debashis Mandal, Head, SSAC Division welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest to the gathering whereas Dr TJ Purakayastha welcomed the Guest of Honour and briefed them all about the various HRD activities being carried out in the Division. Then the prizes were distributed to all the participants of the training program and the resource persons by the chief guest. It was followed by the address of the chief guest Dr RN Padaria, who stressed on the continuous learning and practice of the latest and existing techniques being taught to meet the challenges of research and industry. He also lauded the efforts of the division ofr conducting various activities on public-private partnership basis. The program ended with the vote of thanks.

