

WORLD SOIL DAY CELEBRATIONS

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6.Activities with Farmers

The team consisting of the students, Research Scholars from the Department of Geography & Geoinformatics, Bangalore University, Bengaluru led by Dr. Ashok D Hanjagi visited Bidadi village in Ramanagara district of Karnataka state. The main objective of field visit was to interact with farmers about the cropping pattern and the soil fertility and to study the soil characteristics and the landuse pattern in Bidadi village. Bidadi village is located between 12° 79' N latitude and 77° 43' E longitude in Ramanagara District of Karnataka State, India. It is located 16 KM towards East from District head quarters Ramanagara and 34 KM from State capital Bangalore. Soil texture, moisture content, organic components, nutrient level, soil fertility etc were analysed. The farmers cultivating ground nut in their field and tamarind, gooseberry etc planted along the edges of farming land. Discussions during the field visit helped in educating the stakeholders on the importance of soil conservation, organic farming, better drainage etc. The field visit contributed to improved awareness on soil erosion, soil degradation, top soil loss etc and discussed methods overcome these problems. Healthy soil is important for crops to grow and flourish.

A few photographs of the interaction with farmers is given below.

