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Recently, **ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)** – Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (CCARI) celebrated ‘**World Soil Day**’ (WSD) on 5th December 2021.

### Key Points

- It was recommended by the **International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002**. The **Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)** has supported the formal establishment of WSD as a global awareness-raising platform under the leadership of the Kingdom of Thailand within the framework of the Global Soil Partnership.
- **5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 was designated as the first official WSD by the UN General Assembly (UNGA).**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December was chosen because it corresponds with the official birthday of **H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej**, the King of Thailand, who officially sanctioned the event.
- **FAO gives two awards in line with this day:**
  - **The King Bhumibol World Soil Day Award:** An annual award that honours individuals, communities, organizations and countries that organized remarkable and engaging World Soil Day activities or campaigns in the previous year.
  - **The Glinka World Soil Prize:** An annual award for dynamic change-makers dedicated to solving one of our world’s most pressing environmental issues: soil degradation. It honors individuals and organizations whose leadership and activities have contributed, or are still contributing to the promotion of sustainable soil management and the protection of soil resources.
- **India Initiatives to Improve Soil Health:**
  - **Soil Health Card Scheme**
  - **Organic Farming**
  - **Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana**
  - **Fertilizer Self-Sufficiency**
  - **Digital Agriculture**
  - **Carbon Farming**
  - **The Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme**