



## Soil Health Card Day Soil Health Card Day

### Why in News?

The 10<sup>th</sup> Soil Health Card Day was celebrated on 19 February, 2025 in India .

### Key Points

- **Soil Health Card Scheme:**
  - This scheme was launched by the **Prime Minister** on **19 February 2015** in **Suratgarh, Rajasthan**.
  - The theme of this scheme is: **Healthy Earth, Green Fields**.
- **Objective**
  - Distributing soil health cards to farmers at an interval of every 2 years.
  - Providing necessary guidance to farmers for improving soil health and its fertility
  - Providing information to farmers about the nutrient status of soil along with proper quantity of nutrients
  - Strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratories (STL)
  - To solve the problem of soil fertility in the states
  - To provide corrective measures

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- **Portal**
  - **Soil Health Card Portal** provides a facility to generate Soil Health Cards for the benefit of farmers in a uniform and standardized format in all major languages and 5 dialects across the country.
  - Soil health card contains the status of soil with respect to 12 parameters, such as
    - **Macro nutrients:** Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K)
    - **Secondary Nutrients :** Sulfur (S)
    - **Micronutrients:** Zinc (Zn), Iron (Fe), Copper (Cu), Manganese (Mn), Boron (B)
    - **Physical Parameters:** pH, Electrical Conductivity (EC), Organic Carbon (OC)
- Based on this, the card also gives the fertilizer recommendations and soil amendments required for the farm.

- Soil samples are generally taken twice a year, after harvesting of Rabi and Kharif crops respectively or when there is no standing crop in the field.

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