



World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

June 17th, 2025

The banner features a desert landscape with a sun, palm trees, and a camel. At the top, there are logos for ICAR, Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Nature Protects if She is Protected, and EIACP. Below these is the text 'LIFE Lifestyle for Environment'. The main text in Hindi and English reads: 'भाकृअनुप - केन्द्रीय शुष्क क्षेत्र अनुसंधान संस्थान, जोधपुर' and 'ICAR-CENTRAL ARID ZONE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JODHPUR'. It then says 'Celebrating विश्व मरुस्थलीकरण और सूखा रोकथाम दिवस' and 'WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT'. Below this is the slogan '“Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities”' and the date '17th June, 2025'. At the bottom, it says 'Organized by पर्यावरण सूचना, जागरूकता, क्षमता निर्माण एवं आजीविका कार्यक्रम (ई०आई०ए०सी०पी०) मरुस्थलीकरण नियंत्रण में संसाधन सहभागी' and 'Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP) RP on Combating Desertification'. The website 'www.cazrienvs.nic.in' is also mentioned.

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ICAR- Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur

EIACP-RP on Combating Desertification, ICAR - Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur organized various programs on the occasion of *World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought* under the guidance of the Director, CAZRI, Dr. Sumant Vyas on 17th June, 2025 at CAZRI Campus, Jodhpur.

On this occasion, EIACP-RP organized three events.

1. Assembly of Director, Heads, Scientists of CAZRI and graduate students of local institute with plant saplings in front of Institute gate. The objective was to create mass awareness for plantation drive among the people on the role of vegetation in greening the desert and controlling wind erosion. About 80 participants assembled for the cause.



2. Visit to Agri-Eco Tourism Park and Demonstration of sand dune stabilization model

- Students and their teachers visited the Agri-Eco Tourism Park where scientists and experts apprised them about the geography of Rajasthan through satellite images followed by detailed lecture on the sand dunes, types, distribution, genesis and checker board model over sand dunes to control wind erosion. Dr. P.C. Moharana and Dr. Manoj Kumar explained the technology.
- Dr. Mayur Bhati, Programme Officer, EIACP talked about the EIACP and Mission LiFE activities and also explained about the different blocks of plants at Agri-Eco Tourism Park.
- The experts also took the students to Cactus site/ ornamental plants/medicinal plants existing in the garden and explained about their importance.



3.Special lecture and interactive session on the “World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought”

- An interactive session was conducted in the WDCD event Chaired by the Dr. P. Santra, Head, Division of Natural Resources, CAZRI who spoke about impact of droughts (Hydrological /Meteorological and Agricultural drought) which has impact on the land resources and on degradation processes. Dr. Santra informed about various methods developed by CAZRI to prevent desertification in the arid region of Rajasthan and he appreciated the work done by EIACP to spread awareness among the people to prevent desertification.
- Dr. P.C. Moharana, Coordinator of EIACP, talked about the importance of this day and gave information about various problems of the Thar desert areas of western Rajasthan and their prevention and explained the Sand dune stabilization model to the students in detail.



- The Interactive session was coordinated by Dr. Vipin Choudhary, Member, EIACP for all the students, Scientists, Officers and College Staffs. In which all participants (students from Lucky Institute of Professional Studies, Jodhpur), presented their views about the desertification and gave suggestions how can we prevent from the drought.
- Dr. Manoj Parihar, Scientist thanked all the guests. The Event was coordinated by Dr. Mayur Bhati and Avinash Khatri.