

International Day for Biological Diversity Celebrated at CAZRI

Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Jodhpur with the co-ordination of ENVIS Centre on Combating Desertification of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change celebrated the UN International Day for Biological Diversity-2016 on 23rd of May, 2016 at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur in the line of “Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Desert Ecosystem Resilience and Livelihoods Sustenance”.



On this occasion, Prof. Balraj Singh, Vice Chancellor of Agricultural University, Jodhpur delivered a Key Note Speech on “Desert Biodiversity in Sustainable Livelihoods”. He stressed the importance of the conservation of arid zone biodiversity (local vegetation, crops, livestock, fodder, grasses etc.) and systems like agro-forestry and animal husbandry in a holistic way by linking the conservation with commercialization. He further emphasized that plant biodiversity need to be looked through a utilitarian angle to make the system sustainable.

Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director briefed about the importance of the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity in context of arid regions of the country. He stressed upon developing biodiversity communications as a cockpit of mass awareness campaign ensuring more conservation-oriented thinking, establishing community biodiversity sanctuary, exploring the potential of lower plant diversity and microbial diversity of Indian arid zones.

Dr. Suresh Kumar, Principal Scientist, CAZRI and Co-ordinator-ENVIS coordinated this event. Dr. Dipankar Saha proposed vote of thanks.