## **World Environment Day**

ENVIS RP on Combating Desertification at ICAR – Central Arid Zone Research Institute organized a webinar on World Environment Day on 04<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 on this year's theme "Only One Earth" Dr. P. C. Moharana, Principal Scientist & ENVIS Coordinator, at ICAR-CAZRI briefed the importance of environment day and welcomed the participants.

Dr. N. V. Patil, Director (Acting), ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur in his opening remarks said that our earth is a livable planet and is endowed with rich biodiversity. He narrated how developmental activities and climate change factors are root cause of land degradation as well as extinction of valuable species. He urged that in order to protect our planet, there is also a need to understand the role of traditional knowledge.

Dr. P. Santra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CAZRI, gave a brief introduction of the Guest Speaker Dr.J.P.Singh, Head & Principal Scientist, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur. The Speaker delivered his lecture on "*Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Natural Resources Management*". He elaborated the meaning and importance of traditional knowledge which have ancient roots and keep on passing on from one generation to another. He presented a review of arid shrubs and trees some of which are on various stages of depletion, therefore needs conservation.

A total of 37 scientists, officials and other participants attended the webinar. Vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Sangeeta Goyal, Programme Officer, ENVIS RP, ICAR -CAZRI, Jodhpur.



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