## EIACP-CAZRI, Jodhpur Celebrated World Ozone Day

EIACP RP on Combating Desertification unit at ICAR – Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur celebrated "World Ozone Day-2024" on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 under the guidance of Dr. O.P.Yadav, the Director of the institute. The program included talks by CAZRI scientists and "Speech competition" among the school students. Dr. P.C. Moharana, Coordinator, welcomed the participants and mentioned about India's activities to implement the Montreal Protocol and urged students to be aware of harmful effects of Ozone depletion. Dr. P. Santra, Head, Division of Natural Resources of CAZRI, elaborately explained the science of ozone concentration, ozone hole, and its depletion. Dr. Deepesh Machiwal briefed about the recent status of rainfall pattern in the western Rajasthan. Students from DPS School, Pal-road, took part in the speech competition and deliberated upon their understanding on various aspects of Ozone depletion on the environment. Winners of the competition (Vividha Singhi, First, Suvojit Dey, Second and Shaurya Jha, Third) received certificates and prizes.

Dr. Vipin Choudhary, Principal Scientist and Member EIACP, gave his remarks on the importance of Ozone Day while proposing the vote of thanks. 70 participants including the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Suresh Kumar, Comptroller, Mrs. Sunita Arya, Senior Scientists, school students, technical officers and EIACP staff actively participated in the event held at Shami Bhawan of Agri-Eco Tourism park. The event was organized by Dr. Mayur Bhati, Sonali, Avinash who arranged a visit of School students around the Agri-ecological park.











