

ENVIS RP on Combating Desertification
ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
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On the occasion of “World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought” and on the theme “*Food.Feed.Fibre. Sustainable production and consumption*”, ENVIS centre at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur organized a lecture through Video conferencing. Dr. O.P.Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Chaired the event. Dr. R.S.Tripathi, Coordinator, (AINP, VPM) gave an introduction of Guest Speaker. Dr. K.L. Gurjar, Dy. Director, Plant protection, Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage (Govt. Of India) was the Guest speaker who spoke about “Locust attack



and threats to food security”. He shared the information that according to FAO report, locust swarms entered India through western part of Rajasthan on 13 May, 2020 and this year’s attack is the worst seen in last 27 years and it is apprehended that this crisis may increase as monsoon season arrives. He elaborated on the occurrences, life cycle, recent threats and summary of locust control in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, UP and Maharashtra states followed by various operations made to control their spread in the

scheduled desert area in India. Dr. O.P.Yadav highlighted the importance of World Day to Combat Desertification as the world is facing multiple challenges of corona virus, locust attack and earthquakes. He thanked the guest speaker for explaining how the knowledge on the deadly locust has been upgraded with new research and information coordinated through world level institutions like FAO. He suggested that since the magnitude of the locust problem has increased, there is a need to explore new avenues to control and provide solutions to the farmers. Dr. P.C. Moharana, Coordinator of ENVIS informed about the recent activities of the centre. Dr. Vipin Chaudhary, Member, ENVIS Centre, proposed the vote of thanks. The event was attended by 40 participants.