## "World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD)-2017 Celebrated at ICAR-CAZRI

World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) was celebrated on theme "Our Land-Our Home-Our Future" on 17th June by ENVIS Centre on Combating Desertification at ICAR-CAZRI. Dr. R. P. Dhir, Former Director In-charge, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur delivered lecture on "*Some Musings on Desertification Issues*". He presented a canvas encompassing earlier glimpse of research and developmental efforts taken up by CAZRI since its inception and understanding the process of desertification and its control. He has also mentioned many facts and facets of earlier policy decisions of the government which made his presentation a unique recapitulation of past. Dr. O.P. Yadav, Chairman, ENVIS and Director, ICAR-CAZRI emphasized the importance of innovating newer research areas in further understanding the desertification at its core and also mentioned the necessity of encouraging and activating public engagement for its better implementation at the ground situation. The lecture was attended by scientists and staff members of ICAR-CAZRI.

Earlier Dr. J.P. Singh, PS and Coordinator, ENVIS welcomed the dignitaries and briefed the audience about ENVIS and its activities. Dr. R.S. Tripathi, Principal Scientist and Coordinator, AINP-VPM, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur gave an introduction of Dr. R.P. Dhir, the Chief Guest of the day. Shri Dipankar Saha, Member-ENVIS conducted the programme.

