



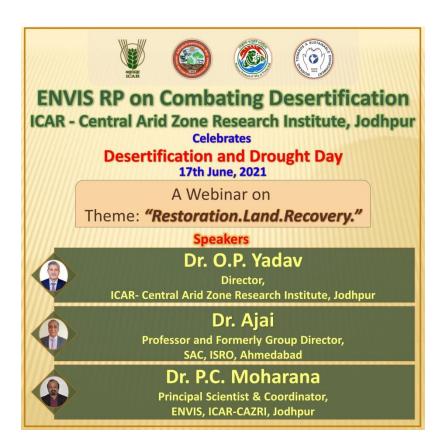




DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT DAY-2021

Theme: "Restoration.Land.Recovery"

WEBINAR REPORT



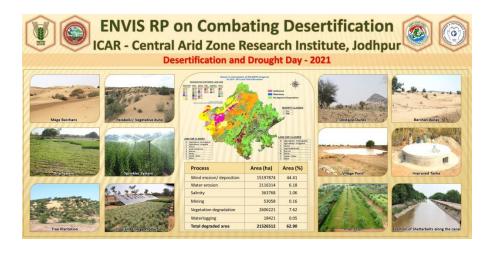
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ENVIS RP on Combating Desertification ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute Jodhpur (Rajasthan)- 342008 ENVIS RP on Combating Desertification at ICAR – Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur organized a webinar on Desertification and Drought Day on 17th June, 2021 on this year's theme "*Restoration. Land. Recovery.*". The session was welcomed by Dr. P.C.Moharana, Principal Scientist & ENVIS Coordinator who highlighted the importance of Desertification and Drought Day and informed that major works of CAZRI have been imprinted on this year theme.



Dr. O.P.Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur in his opening remarks highlighted the importance of this day at national and global level. He released a poster showcasing the implementation of scientific interventions of the institute to combat desertification. He said that one should understand the process of desertification by carrying out ways and means to really combat it. He embarked upon the difficulties of the area facing biotic pressure in terms of humans and livestock depending on the availability of natural resources which is very much restricted. He suggested that group of people should come together along with policy makers to frame it and implement on the ground level with honesty and commitment. He urged to have local level plans to restore lands already degraded and further restrict no more degradation to meet the targets of UNCCD by 2030.





Dr. P.C.Moharana, gave a detailed introduction of the Guest Speaker Dr. Ajai, The speaker gave his presentation entitled "Desertification: Mapping, Monitoring & Restoration" He explained the causes and drivers of desertification which is mainly the population pressure which results in proximate causes like deforestation, unsustainable land use practices, land conversions, overgrazing, and wrong agricultural management practices. Increasing population and demographic pressure and need of people for a better quality of life, migration and climatic variations are some of the factors for land degradation. He described different processes of land desertification (soil erosion, salinization, vegetal degradation, water logging, frost shattering/heaving, nutrient depletion) etc. India faces the big challenge to meet the UNCCD LDN target for restoration of 26 M ha of degraded land by 2030. He explained the methods and information needs for combating it. He focused on Mapping and Monitoring LD by using space borne data. He mentioned about several actions for restoring degraded land through soil and moisture conservation methods, rain water harvesting, sustainable land management, afforestation etc.



Dr. Vipin Chaudhary, Principal Scientist & ENVIS Member, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur proposed the vote of thanks. The webinar was attended by 31 participants who include scientists, officials and other participants from the Institute, ISRO and other ENVIS centres.

