

## **ENVIS- CAZRI Celebrates World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

World Environment Day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 under the aegis of ENVIS at CAZRI, Jodhpur. The function was chaired by Dr. R.K. Bhatt, Director (Acting), CAZRI, Jodhpur. Dr. Praveen Kumar, Head of Division -II welcomed the guests. Dr. Suresh Kumar, ENVIS Coordinator introduced the invited speakers to the house. The programme was attended by scientists and staff of CAZRI, Jodhpur. Dr. Ritu Purohit, Programme Officer read out the message from Hon'ble Sh. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of State (IC) Environment, Government of India highlighting that“.....changes in natural resource base due to human activities have taken place more rapidly in the past 50 years than at any time in human history, causing continued deterioration of environment.....” He exhorted that “let us re-establish the link with nature, as did the ancients in India centuries ago, and take from Earth and the environment only so much as one puts back into them”.

On this occasion, Dr. G.S Bhardwaj, Chief Conservator of Forest, Wild Life- Jodhpur and Sh. A.K Sharma, Scientist – (SG), Div. II- CAZRI, Jodhpur delivered a lecture on “Wild Life in Thar – Issues and Challenges “ and “ Breathing Environment with organic farming “ respectively.

Threats to survival of wild life in Thar was discussed in great detail by Dr. Bharadwaj with excellent slides. Saving the Great Indian Bustard through creation of protected enclosures within Desert National Park was also explained through satellite and statistical data this was followed by an interactive session.

Sh. A.K Sharma, Scientist-(SG), Div. II- CAZRI, Jodhpur “Emphasised on use of organic farming for better environment.

Dr. R.K. Bhatt, Director (Acting) also emphasized that “Change is law of nature and climate is changing now days and we need to maintain the balance with nature”.

At the end, vote of thanks was presented by Shri Tirth Das, ENVIS Member Secretary. The programme was compered by Dr. Shweta Mathur, Information Officer ENVIS.