

International Day for Biological Diversity organized at Mandau, Jaisalmer

International Day for Biological Diversity on “**Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism**” theme was celebrated on May 22, 2017 at Santa Ki Dhani, Mandau, Mohangarh, Jaisalmer to create awareness about key role of Biological Diversity of the region to boost the growth in tourism sector. The programme was attended by 120 farmers, persons from State Departments, representative from NGOs and Scout Guide students.

After a brief introduction on the role of Environment Information System in India to combat Desertification by Dr. J.P. Singh, Coordinator ENVIS, Dr. Praveen Kumar, in his presidential address, called upon the students to learn more about the Biological Diversity of the region and further emphasized on the ongoing research activities of CAZRI related to conservation and promotion of native biological diversity.

Sri Pankaj Gupta (Assistant Conservator of Forest) narrated the wild faunal diversity in the area particularly threatened species Godawan and Dr. R.S. Narwal, (Deputy Director-Agriculture, Jaisalmer) highlighted the changing scenario of crop diversity in farming system.

All the participants visited the model farm developed by Smt. Santosh Vaishnava and saw the diversity of species planted in the farm. All the visitors praised the efforts of her for developing the model farm.

The programme was organised under CAZRI-Environment Information System (ENVIS) Scheme.

