

## **Forest Ecology & Climate Change Division**

### **Celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**

#### **“World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought”**

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division and ENVIS FRI jointly celebrated Earth Day 2022 through virtual mode on 17<sup>th</sup> June under “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”. Celebration was started by Dr. V.P. Panwar, Head, FE&CC. Dr. Panwar welcomed all the participants joined the celebration through virtual mode and briefed about the World day to Combat Desertification and Drought. The purpose to gather and celebration was highlighted by Dr. Panwar. After the welcome note, chief guest Dr. Renu Singh, Director FRI was invited to distribute the certificates to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> winner of the Essay competition held for employees of FRI. Afterwards Dr. Singh deliver inaugural address on the occasion. Dr. Renu singh talked about the purpose of this day, which is to raise awareness about desertification and drought, highlighting methods of preventing desertification and recovering from drought. Dr. Singh also quoted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that declares "we are determined to protect the planet from degradation, through sustainable consumption and production, managing its natural resources sustainably and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations". In the end, Dr. Singh emphasized that it's a high time to come together and to treat the land as a limited and precious natural resource, prioritize its health in the pandemic recovery and put our sincere efforts in mitigating drought and restore the land. Everyone has a role to play because everyone has a stake in the future.

After inaugural address, Sh. N Bala, Scientist G, FE&CC Division was invited to deliver talk on the topic “Combating Desertification through forestry interventions”. Sh. Bala talked about various initiatives taken by ICFRE to combat desertification in different places of the country. He discussed the various factors involved in desertification such as water, wind, land degradation and vegetation loss and explained the way to prevent the losses due to these impacts. Sh. Bala presented the impact of coal mines on land degradation and how ICFRE has been able to restore the land in context of combat desertification. How sand dune displacement has been tackled in deserts of Rajasthan using native tree species was also talked during the lecture. Thus whole lecture was very informative and enlightening in context of combat desertification.

In the end of the programme, Dr. Parul Bhatt Kotiyal delivered vote of thanks to everyone for their participation and cooperation.



# WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION & DROUGHT

Theme: Rising up from Drought together

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Sh. N. Bala, Scientist-G



Dr. Renu Singh, IFS

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Time	Programme
4:00 PM –4:10 PM	Welcome address by Head, Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division
4:10 PM –4:20 PM	Inaugural address by Dr. Renu Singh, IFS Director, FRI
4:20 PM –5:00 PM	A Talk on “Combating Desertification through forestry interventions” by Sh. N. Bala, Scientist-G, FE&CC Division
5:00 PM –5:15 PM	Certificate distribution to the winners of essay competition
5:15 PM –5:20 PM	Vote of thanks

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