

## **EIACP-CAZRI, Jodhpur & RGRMNH, NMNH, Sawai Madhopur Jointly organized Workshop**

EIACP RP on Combating Desertification, ICAR – Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur and Rajiv Gandhi Regional Museum of Natural History, NMNH, Sawai Madhopur jointly organized a workshop on “Sustainable Management of Arid-agro Ecosystems and Challenges” under the guidance of Director of the institute, Dr. O.P. Yadav. On this occasion, a Drawing/ Painting Competition among school students and Environmental walk were also conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at CAZRI, Campus, Jodhpur.

In the Drawing/painting Competition held at Dr. Raheja Library, CAZRI, 38 students from 7 schools of Jodhpur participated. Dr. H.M Meena (Senior Scientist), Dr. B.L. Manjunatha (Senior Scientist) and Mrs. Varsha Pidwa, AAO, CAZRI judged the drawings.

In the Environment Walk, participants went round the Agro-Eco Tourism Park of CAZRI. Dr. P.C. Moharana on topic “Geography of Thar Desert Environment”, Dr. H.L. Kushwaha on “Futuristic agriculture”, Dr. Deepesh Machiwal, on “Increasing need for managing water resources in India’s Arid Regions”, Dr. Mahesh Kumar on “Soils of arid region” and Dr. Pradeep Kumar talked about “Emerging trends in Urban Farming”.

Dr. SPS Tanwar, Director (Acting) released RGRMNH brochure on “Sustainable Management of Arid-agro Ecosystems and Challenges” and presented his views on a road map for a pollution free and healthy life. Dr. Sushmita Namata, Scientist and Workshop coordinator informed about activities of RGRMNH.

Abhina Das, DPS, Pal road stood first, Dharampal Bishnoi, St. Paul’s Sr. sec. school Jhalamand was second, Divya Choudhary from Shri Sumer Little Roses School and Tamanna Bhati, LBN were adjudged the third in the Drawing competition and were felicitated with certificates and prizes.

Heads of Divisions, Chief Administrative officer (SG), Mr. Suresh Kumar and Comptroller, Ms. Sunita Arya also graced the event. Event was attended by 38 school students and 39 others (Scientists, Lecturers, Technical officers, EIACP staff and two staffs from RGRMNH Mr. Salaudeen and Mr. Mangat Singh). Event was organized by EIACP-CAZRI unit by Dr. Mayur Bhati, Sonali, Avinash.

