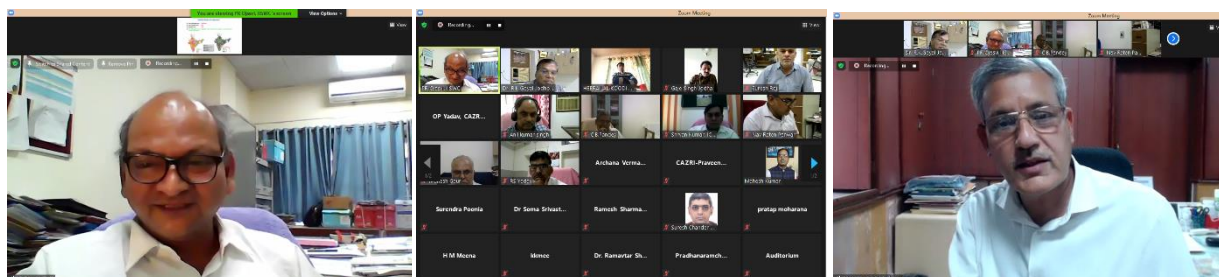


World Water Day-2021 celebrated at ICAR-CAZRI

On the occasion of World Water Day-2021 a webinar was organised by ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur on 22nd March 2021. Dr P.R. Ojasvi, Principal Scientist and Head, ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun delivered an elaborate comprehensive lecture on “Water management for improving water productivity”. Dr Ojasvi emphasised that rather than productivity, performance-based assessment of various interventions of water management should be the goal. He expressed his concern about the unavailability of quality data and advanced computing tools for hydrological calculations. He elaborated upon various successful technologies of water management for both humid and arid regions and on the need for region-specific standardization of various rainwater harvesting structures. Dr O.P. Yadav, Director, CAZRI welcomed the Guest speaker and shared his thoughts on this occasion. He said that water has been globally declared as economic goods indicating the importance and value attached to it.



Dr Yadav said that although India has 18% of the world’s population, it has access to only 4% of water resources. Dr Yadav stressed upon considering water as national resource rather than as a natural resource. He said that in India 80% of its total water is used in the agriculture sector with 25-30% efficiency and there is great scope to improve upon it. The webinar was attended by more than 100 participants including scientists, technical and administrative-finance staff from the headquarters and all regional research stations of the institute. The program was coordinated by Dr R. K. Goyal, Principal Scientist and Dr Mahesh K Gaur proposed the vote of thanks.