



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Awareness Programme for Farmers on Nature-Based Solution to Combat Desertification and Drought

24-25 July 2022

Place: Esah, Morena (Madhya Pradesh)

An awareness programme was conducted among farmers of the Chambal region to create awareness in order to shift human relationships with nature and help provide sustainable solutions to the current problems of desertification and drought. Scientists and staff of the Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, emphasised the need for carrying out reforestation and afforestation programmes and adopting agroforestry, particularly in the region around Chambal ravines, to reduce land degradation. Sh. M. Rajkumar-Scientist D, Sh. Sanjay Komra-Technical Officer, Sh. Raghvendra Singh-Technical Officer, and Sh. Deepak Gupta—Project Assistant of the Forest Ecology and Climate Change Division interacted with farmers and urged them towards tree planting, thereby supporting the cause of biodiversity and climate-smart agriculture. The Tropical Forest Research Institute conducted this awareness programme as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and in line with the United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030. A total of 20 farmers from two villages attended the programme.

Photographs



Distributing saplings of *Carissa carandas* in Bheelpur Village Near Chambal, Morena



Distributing saplings of *Carissa carandas* Esah Haveli Village Near Chambal, Morena



View of saplings ready for distribution among farmers in Bheelpur and Esah Haveli villages



View of farmers planting the saplings in their fields, at Esah Haveli, Morena
