

World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought

RESOURCE PERSON

Mr. Hamid Raza

(Senior Horticulturist, Department of
Horticulture, Office of Infrastructure)



17 June 2025



3:00 PM Onwards



Chitkara Woods

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| Event Name | World Day to Combat - Desertification & Drought |
| Date | 17 June 2025 |
| Venue | Chitkara Woods |
| Department | Centre of Excellence for Sustainability in collaboration with Office of Administration |
| Resource Person | Mr. Hamid Raza, Senior Horticulturist, Office of Infrastructure |
| Number of Participants | |
| SDGs Covered | 13,15,17 |

Objective of the Event

To raise awareness about the pressing global issues of desertification and drought and to engage the university community in sustainable environmental practices.

Key Highlights

• Resource Person

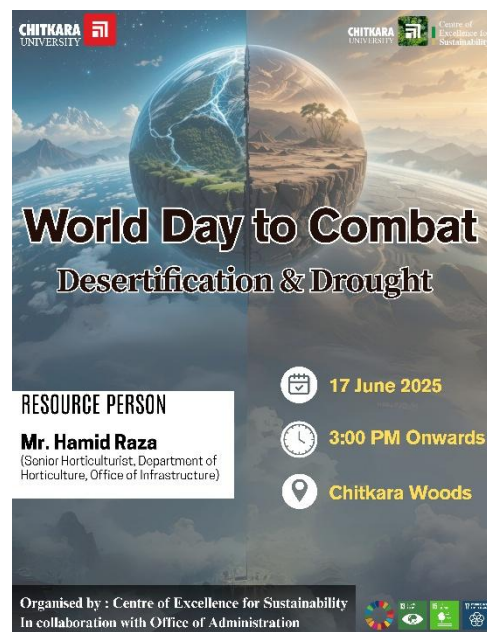
Mr. Hamid Raza (Senior Horticulturist, Department of Horticulture, Office of Infrastructure) addressed the attendees on the significance of land conservation, the impacts of desertification, and the importance of community participation in sustainability efforts. He also emphasized the critical roles of water conservation and prevention of soil erosion.

• Activity Conducted

As part of the awareness campaign, the support staff team took the lead in constructing a retaining wall across Chitkara Woods using plastic bottles. This innovative and eco-friendly initiative not only contributed to soil conservation but also promoted the reuse of non-biodegradable waste, reinforcing the message of sustainable development.

• Staff Engagement

The support staff participated actively in the event, showcasing their enthusiasm toward environmental responsibility. The initiative served as a hands-on demonstration of practical solutions to combat land degradation and fostered a deeper understanding of eco-conscious practices.



Impact and Outcome

- Created awareness among the university community about the adverse effects of desertification and drought.
- Promoted the use of recycled materials (plastic bottles) in infrastructure as a model for environmental protection.
- Strengthened cross-departmental collaboration in sustainability initiatives.





Conclusion

The event marked a meaningful step in educating and empowering the Chitkara University community to act against environmental degradation. The collaborative efforts displayed during the event demonstrated effective, practical sustainability practices and highlighted the university's commitment to environmental stewardship and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).