

Celebrating 50 Years of Research and Academic Endeavour <u>About the Speaker:</u>

Shri Farhad Contractor, with an experience of over 30 years in revival and rejuvenation of ecological systems, has worked extensively in the Thar desert, North, South and Central India. He has revived over 9,500 water structures/systems in these regions and river systems in Alwar and Jaisalmer districts of Rajasthan. He is at present working with various institutions and on the revival of the Noyyal and Bhawani rivers in Coimbatore region of Tamil Nadu.

His diverse portfolio covers conserving and reviving forests, strengthening communities with sustainable agricultural practices and contributing through ecological master planning exercise work on sustainable national and international architectural projects. His work has benefitted over 600,000 people. He also works with various institutions, government and non-government to build ecologically sustainable long term models that can be replicated.

Shri Farhad adopts a systems approach that works from building on-ground models to influencing and changing policies at the state level.