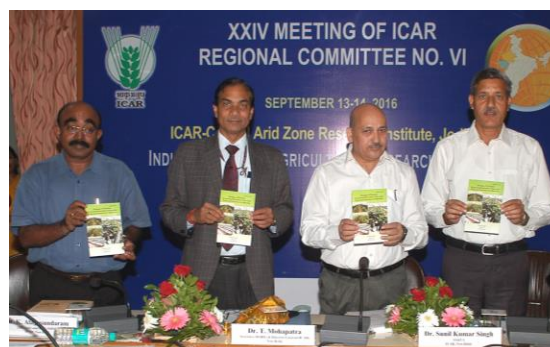


Meeting of Regional Committee No 6 held at CAZRI

Twenty-fourth meeting of the ICAR-Regional Committee No. VI, comprising of states of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli) was held at ICAR- CAZRI, Jodhpur from September 13 - 14, 2016. The meeting was chaired by Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary DARE (GOI) and DG, ICAR, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Sh. S.K. Singh (Addl Secretary, DARE and Financial Advisor, ICAR), Dr. K. Alagusundaram DDG (Agril Engineering and NRM), Dr. J.S. Sandhu, DDG (Crop Sciences), Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (Agri. Ext. & Horticulture Sciences), ADG's at ICAR HQ, Vice Chancellors from SAU's of Rajasthan and Gujarat, Directors of ICAR Institutes and officers from line Departments of Gujarat and Rajasthan. Three members of ICAR Governing Body viz., Sh. S.K. Bhargava, Sh. R.P. Singh and Sh. Suresh Chandel also participated the meeting. Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director CAZRI and Member Secretary, Regional Committee presented the Action Taken Report on the proceedings of the last meeting held at Anand (Gujarat) in 2014.



On this occasion, Dr. Mohapatra said that Regional Committee is an excellent platform serving as interphase between central and state agencies for agricultural research, extension and education. He emphasized the significance of the diversity in agro-climatic conditions, agriculture, livestock etc. in the region. He appreciated that despite being a low rainfall area, the region possesses a vast potential in sustainable development of agriculture and animal husbandry including fisheries. He further appreciated the efforts of ICAR Institutes and SAUs and appealed for greater cooperation with State Departments.

Earlier setting the tone for the meeting, Dr Alagusundaram emphasized on the immense potential of solar energy in this region and appreciated the efforts of CAZRI in taking research on this aspect which needs to be up scaled. He said this being low rainfall region, pressurized irrigation technologies also need to be popularized. Sh. S.K. Singh, AS&FA in his address expressed satisfaction on the progress made in agriculture and said that the scientific community along with State Government need to work jointly for addressing the problems faced by farmers of the region.

During the two-day deliberations, various issues on Centre-State Coordination concerning to agricultural research, extension and education were discussed and action points related to sustainable development of drought prone and fragile agro-ecologies of the region were finalized.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr O.P. Yadav.