

Interactive meet of entrepreneurs, industries and scientists held at ICAR-CAZRI

One day Interactive Meet among Entrepreneurs, Industries and Scientists was organized at the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur under Agri-business Incubation Centre (ABI) on 2nd February, 2024. Dr. Neeru Bhooshan, ADG (IP & TM) was the chief guest of this programme and underlined conversion of the knowledge created by the institutes into prosperity. She also emphasized the need of more small startups in agriculture and allied sectors to create employment opportunity in rural areas.



Shri N.K. Jain, President, Jodhpur Industrial Association and Shri Rakesh Dave, CEO, Umalakshmi Organics Private Ltd, Jodhpur also graced the occasion as special guests. Shri N.K. Jain emphasized that more ICAR technologies should be transferred to industry to make a better integration of scientific outputs and economics. He showed concerns about low number of NABL-accredited laboratories and highlighted the importance of increased liaison between industry and academia to support developing business ventures. Shri Dave, pointed out the development of agro-industrial sector will play a pivotal role in increasing role of agricultural GDP in nation's development. ICAR technologies can be a game changer for achievement of this goal. Shri Rakesh Dave emphasized that nutra-ceutical product development is need of the hour. There is lot of scope in research on export oriented medicinal plants being main supplier in all over the world. Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director pointed out the importance of industry-oriented outputs from agricultural research in the present scenario.

Entrepreneurs, concerned industry persons and scientist participated in interaction and discussion session. At the end of the meeting possibilities of linkage between academia and industrial perspective was explored. This meet also provided platform to stakeholders for showcasing recent innovations and strengthening convergence for developing business venture in agriculture and allied sectors. Dr A.K. Patel, Incharge ABI described about the role of agri-buisness incubation in technology transfer and entrepreneurial development.