

Training on Arid Horticulture for Livelihood Security was organized for Jalore farmers

Arid horticulture is an important strategy to mitigate the adverse impacts of drought and sustaining farm incomes. In this context, training was organized for farmers of Jalore district from 18-22 December 2018. Thirty farmers and one Assistant Agriculture Officer attended the training,



which was sponsored by Project Directorate ATMA Jalore district. Farmers were exposed to improved technologies and management practices in arid horticulture (ber, pomegranate, goonda, date palm, ker and karonda), protected cultivation of vegetables, nursery raising and organic farming at CAZRI and University of Agriculture, Mandore. Hands-on practical exercises were conducted on soil sample collection and processing and value addition of arid crops. Interactive lectures and case studies covering wide range of issues such as

cultivation of arid fruit and vegetable crops; soil and water conservation; pest and disease management; storage, processing and value addition; use of ICTs in agriculture; market intelligence and government schemes were held by experts.

Dr. O. P. Yadav, Director, CAZRI in his inaugural address, called upon farmers to adopt new technologies and practices to enhance the farm incomes. Dr. Ishwari Singh, Director (Extension), AU Mandore stressed upon use of ICT tools to address farmers' queries on real time basis. Compendium of Training Lectures was released on the occasion. Dr. Surendra Singh Shekhawat, Director RSETI in his valedictory address, highlighted the skill training programmes organized by RSETI for youth to promote self-employment. Dr. Pratibha Tewari exhorted farmers to adopt the climate-resilient technologies developed by CAZRI to mitigate the impact of drought. The training was coordinated by Drs. Prashnat Nikumbhe and B. L. Manjunatha.