

Kharif day and Capacity building program organised under Scheduled Castes-Sub Plan at Jodhpur and Jaisalmer

The Kharif Day was organized on 17 October 2019 at village Utambar under the Scheduled Castes-Sub Plan (SCSP) of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi, Government of India. The Chief guest of the program was Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur. Speaking on



the occasion Dr. Yadav said that good results are visible in the fields due to sowing of improved seeds provided by the institute. He urged farmers to adopt integrated farming system for additional income. Later he visited the fields of Sh. Aidan Ram, Arjuna Ram and Dhanaram in village Utambar and discussed various aspects of farming with the farmers'. The project incharge, Dr. P.R. Meghwal, said that under the Scheduled Caste-Sub-Plan, five panchayats of Jodhpur district were selected. 100 farmers were selected from the villages Utambar, Khudiyala Birai and Gopalasar of Balesar

Panchayat Samiti. Farmers were provided with improved seeds of Kharif crops, balanced animal feed and sapling of goonda and lemon plant. He gave detailed information about the scheme. Smt. Sitadevi-a female farmer said that she has plenty of cattle and to meet the need for green fodder, she planted Napier grass of CAZRI which provided green fodder throughout the year. Farmer Sh. Dhanaram and gram Sevak Sh. Ravindra Gehlot also shared their experiences. Scientists from the institute Drs. R.K. Kaul, Praveen Kumar, Mrs. Pratibha Tewari and N.K. Jat also addressed the farmers. Sh. Naresh Ramani, DDM, NABARD briefed about various schemes of Bank for the benefit of farmers. The field demonstrations and the field day were organized and coordinated by Dr. B. L. Manjunatha and Dr. Prashnat Nikumbhe.

In an another program, ICAR-CAZRI, Regional Research Station at Jaisalmer conducted three days (15-17 October, 2019) training program on increasing farm production and productivity through integrated farming system for scheduled caste farmers of Basanpeer village. The program was inaugurated by dignitaries including district collector, Sh. Namit Mehta, Zila Pramukh, Mrs. Anjana Meghwal and CEO, Sh. Om Prakash Mehra.

All the dignitaries motivated the farmers to adopt improved technologies as advised by the scientists of CAZRI and subject matter specialists of KVK for enhancing their income. Head of the station, Dr. M. Patidar had briefed about the activities of ICAR-CAZRI and also encouraged the farmers to adopt integrated farming system. Scientists of RRS-Jaisalmer, Drs. S.C. Meena, Dileep Kumar Dangi, Julius Uchoi and Mrs. Ankita Trivedi delivered lectures. Subject matter specialists of KVK, Drs. Dipak Chaturvedi (Head), Shankar Lal, R.K. Yadav and H. Singh also delivered lectures during the training. Topics covered were, improved package of practices of different arable crops, importance of horticulture in integrated farming system, insect pest management of important crops of the particular region, pasture development, year round fodder production, importance of soil health management and compost preparation, animal production, agro meteorology advisory. Vegetable seeds were also distributed to the farmers on the last day of training. Total 62 farmers and farm women actively participated in the program.



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