

District Level Exhibition and Farmers' Fair at CAZRI, Jodhpur

A district level exhibition and farmers' fair was held on 28th January 2019 at the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute which was organized jointly by Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA). The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India. In his inaugural address, Shri G.S. Shekhawat highlighted the role of integrated agriculture in doubling farmers' income and urged the farmer for availing the benefit of Government's scheme. He emphasized that integrated farming is good option for sustainable livelihood of the farming community in the region. He appreciated the efforts of the scientists for development of technologies and farmers for their adoption in the arid region. Shri Mahendra Vishnoi, MLA, Luni, Jodhpur addressed the farmers and urged for crop diversification and adoption of advanced technologies in the field.



Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur highlighted role of technologies of institute developed for livelihood improvement of farmers of the arid region which included efficient use of water, diversification of agriculture, farming system, value addition of agriculture products, use of improved planting material, use of solar energy in agriculture etc. The occasion was witnessed by Directors of ICAR institutes, officers from state agricultural department, NGOs etc. and represented the farmers for their technologies, programmes and schemes.

Kisan Goshthi (Scientist- farmer interaction) was organized during the event to provide solutions related to issues in crop production, livestock, soil management, horticulture, water harvesting, pasture management etc. Visit of farmers at experimental research farm of ICAR-CAZRI Jodhpur was organized e.g. crop cafeteria, agri-voltaic system, horticulture block, fodder beet block, napier grass block, dairy unit etc.

Thirty two farmers were felicitated on this occasion to recognize their contribution in agriculture at district and block level. About 2100 farmers and farm women from different parts of Jodhpur district participated in the event. Exhibition stalls were displayed by various stakeholders. Three best organizations each in public and private sector were felicitated for displaying their technologies. Dr Bhagwat Singh Rathore, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Jodhpur proposed the vote of thanks.