

XVIII Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting of ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur held during October 15-16, 2025

The Meeting of the XVIII Research Advisory Committee was held during October 15-16, 2025 in hybrid mode. The meeting was chaired by Dr. K.D. Kokate, Former Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR, New Delhi. Dr. J.C. Dagar, Ex-ADG (Agro), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, ADG (AAF&CC), ICAR, New Delhi joined meeting physically. The other members of RAC joined online in the meeting were: Dr. A.K. Patra, Ex-Director, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal; Dr. S.M.K. Naqvi, Ex-Director, ICAR-CSWRI, Avikanagar. Director, Heads of Divisions, Heads of Regional Research Stations of the institute, Project Coordinator, Heads of KVKs, Nodal Officers of different sections/cells of the institute participated physically in the meeting. The RAC member Dr. J.C. Dagar and Dr. Rakesh Kumar visited experimental fields and laboratories of the institute on Forenoon of October 15, 2025.

Dr. S.P.S. Tanwar, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur welcomed the chairman and members of RAC and others present in the meeting (physical and online). It was followed by a brief presentation by the Director on overall achievements and new initiatives taken by the Institute. In his opening remark, Dr. K.D. Kokate, chairman, RAC appreciated the efforts of institute for its very good and sincere efforts for very nicely laid out experiments with excellent management of different ongoing research activities of the institute. Dr. N.R. Panwar, Member Secretary, presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the recommendations of previous RAC meeting held on February 6-7, 2025.

This was followed by presentations of research achievements by Heads of Divisions, Heads of Regional Research Stations and KVKs. Detailed discussions were held during the presentations and the RAC committee proposed few recommendations and comments on future research work of the institute. The meeting was ended by proposing vote of thanks by Dr. N.R. Panwar.

On October 16, 2025 Dr. J.C. Dagar and various Heads of Divisions/RRS visited farmer fields, Sidrath, Sirohi. Dr. J.C. Dagar, Member RAC; Dr. S.P.S. Tanwar, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur; Dr. Pyarelal Shivran, Superintendent of Police (SP), Sirohi; Dr. A.K. Shukla, PI, Biotech Kisan Hub & Head, ICAR-CAZRI RRS, Pali and Dr. Bhagirath Choudhary, South-Asia Biotechnology Center, Jodhpur inaugurated Abu Saunf 440 (A Farmer's Variety, Registered by PPVFRA, New Delhi) Community Gene Bank in Kachholi, Sirohi. During this program innovative farmers were awarded for their innovations in agriculture and livestock management.

