

## **ICAR Short Course Organized on Solar Energy Applications in Agriculture**

ICAR Short course on 'Solar Energy Applications in Agriculture' was organized at ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur during September 14-23, 2016. A total of 15 participants from different ICAR institutes, state agricultural universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) representing Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana and Rajasthan states participated in the training programme. The training was inaugurated with the gracious presence of Dr. T. Janakiram, ADG, ICAR (Horticultural Science-I), Dr. Jitendra Kumar, Director, Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand Gujarat and Director, ICAR-CAZRI Jodhpur. The training schedule comprised of lectures, demonstrations and field practicals related to recent advancements on solar energy technologies and its applications in agriculture. Field visits of participants were also organized at Bhadla Solar Park, Rajasthan to get the exposure on solar PV installations at large scale. The valedictory function of the training programme was held on 23rd September with the gracious presence of Dr. B.B. Singh, ADG (Oilseeds and Pulses), ICAR and the certificate was awarded to participants for successful completion of the training. The training programme was coordinated by Dr. Priyabrata Santra as course Director and Dr. R.K. Singh and Dr. Surendra Ponia as Course Co-Directors from Division of Agricultural Engineering for Arid Production Systems, ICAR-CAZRI Jodhpur.

