

On-campus Trainings and Exposure Visits of Farmers to CAZRI organized under SCSP

Three on-campus trainings of one day duration each were organized on September 7, 8 and 12, 2022 at ICAR-CAZRI under SCSP. Three hundred farmers from Utambar, Balarwa, Dudhabera, Bhatelai, Lunawas Kalan, Sar and Sinli villages in Jodhpur district were benefitted from these programmes. Exposure visits were organized to different research and demonstration units at CAZRI farm such as ATIC, horticulture and agro-forestry nursery, crop cafeteria of kharif crops, protected cultivation of vegetables, alternative and new fodder crops unit, animal feed technology unit, arid horticulture block, integrated farming system, organic farm, KVK, tharparkar cow based dairy unit and agri-voltaic system. Farmers were also exposed to emerging fruit crops such as fig and kamalam (dragon fruit). Various interactive lectures and practical sessions on soil testing, weather based agro-advisory services and plant protection measures were also organized.

Dr. O. P. Yadav, Director, CAZRI, in his valedictory address, highlighted that agriculture has changed significantly in the last few decades and called upon the farmers to adopt modern technologies to keep pace with the changing circumstances. He highlighted the innovative research and extension activities undertaken by the institute for addressing the arid region issues comprehensively, which have attracted the attention at highest levels. On the occasion, battery operated sprayers were distributed to the SC farm families. Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Principal Scientist and Nodal Officer, SCSP, presented a detailed note on the input distribution and extension activities undertaken at different districts in Rajasthan and Gujarat under SCSP. He shared that about 1500 farmers benefitted in 2022-23 through the scheme. Quality seeds, fertilizers, agricultural implements and sprayers were distributed to these farmers along with capacity building programmes from time to time on improved agricultural technologies. Farmers expressed satisfaction over the implementation of the scheme and were happy to be associated with CAZRI, known for arid agriculture in the whole world. The programmes were coordinated by Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Dr. B. L. Manjunatha, Dr. R. R. Meghwal, Dr. R. S. Yadav, Dr. H. M. Meena, Dr. Shrvan Kumar and Dr. Dipika Hajong.



