

Agriculture Innovation Exposure Visit for farmers organized at ICAR-CAZRI

Agriculture Innovation Exposure Visit was organized at CAZRI on 29th August, 2023 for farmers on the principle of “See-Examine-Adopt” in which more than 1500 farmers visited the 400 acres demonstration and experimental fields of the Institute. Farmers were showcased the latest innovations devised the Institute. Simultaneously, the researchers got the first hand feedback on technologies that would further help them to improve upon.



The innovations included new field and horticulture crops and their varieties, different agroforestry systems, pasture development techniques, water harvesting and recycling, integrated farming system, organic farming, alternative feeds for livestock etc. The main attraction was Integrated Farming Cafeteria production technologies were showcased in an integrated manner. This also included the demonstration of all the millets.



Agroforestry tree *Melia dubia*, post-harvest processing of millets as laddoos, biscuits, khakra etc., thornless cactus, budded *Prosopis cineraria* and *Moringa* leaf meal and seed production programme attracted attention of all farmers. They have also enquired about the agri-entrepreneurship development programmes of Agri- Business Incubation Center of the Institute.

Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director interacted with the farmers and exhorted them to weigh the technologies from their own perspective and to provide their feedback. He added that adoption of new innovations has a great relevance for conserving natural resources and simultaneously enhancing the farmers' incomes. Dr. S.P.S. Tanwar, Head and convener of the event called upon farmers to adopt Integrated Farming System models for generating year-round-employment.

