

### Dr. S. K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (NRM) visits CAZRI RRS Jaisalmer

Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (NRM)-ICAR, New Delhi along with Dr. V.K. Mishra, Director, ICAR-Research Complex for North East Hill Region, Umiam, Dr. M. Madhu, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun, and Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR- CAZRI, Jodhpur visited CAZRI Regional Research Station, Jaisalmer on 17–19 Feb., 2024. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, they visited Experimental area at Chandan. The head of the station, Dr. R.S. Mehta and all the scientific staff accorded a warm welcome. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari emphasized on conjunctive use of available saline water, strengthening of available pasture of *Lasiurus sindicus*, increasing area of date palm and ber and establishment of pomegranate orchards.



On February 18<sup>th</sup>, they visited main campus and land area of CAZRI Regional Research Station Jaisalmer. Dr. R.S. Mehta, made presentation of station activities, research achievements, future plans, and requirements to strengthen the station. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari emphasized the need to install solar panels for harvesting long sun-shine hours and expansion of cultivable area adjacent to national high way. Dr. V.K. Mishra insisted on the diversification of cropping systems and the use of mulching in the arid region. Dr. M. Madhu talked about conservation of natural resources and sand dune stabilization. Director, Dr. O.P. Yadav suggested for development of block of arid fruit trees in the campus as well as adjoining to campus. In afternoon, they visited Damodra Khadin and interacted with the farmers and emphasized to adopt latest technologies on moisture conservation practices and natural farming. On February 19, the team visited Bhadariya Oran and Gochar and interacted with the stakeholders.