

Deputy Director General (Ag. Ext.), ICAR, New Delhi visited ICAR-CAZRI KVK, Jodhpur

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Dr. U.S. Gautam, DDG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi visited ICAR-CAZRI, KVK, Jodhpur on 18th June, 2023. During the visit various activities of KVK like Tharparkar Dairy, Vermi-compost, Nutri-garden, Arid fruit orchards, Rainwater harvesting etc. demonstration units were witnessed. While observing the Tharparkar dairy unit he appreciated the dairy activities being relevant for arid region economy. It was also made aware that the spread of the elite animals was done through KVK activities for bringing indigenous breed development. A small exhibition of Pearl millet products was also exhibited at KVK premise in which various value added products of bajra—biscuits, cake, *Kurkure and bajra namkeen* were displayed as a part of celebration of International Year of Millet 2023.

While interactive meeting with progressive farmers and farm women from different villages of Jodhpur district, Dr. Gautam appreciated the efforts of farmers who got benefited from various training programmes conducted by KVK, Jodhpur. He said that the role of women farmer was important in decision-making and they should take an active part in commercialization of the products for bringing the change in social structure. Earlier Dr. N.V. Patil, Director (Officiating), ICAR-CAZRI welcomed Dr. Gautam, DDG (AE), Dr. R. K. Singh, ADG (AE) and Dr. J. P. Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur. The progress of various activities of KVK was narrated by Dr. B. S. Rathore, PS & Head, KVK, Jodhpur. Dr. A.K. Patel, PS, Dr. P.P. Rohila, PS, Sh. Suresh Kumar Chief Administrative Officer (Sr. Grade) were present in the interactive meeting.