

## Visit of Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan to CAZRI, Jodhpur

Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare visited ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016. Dr. Balyan visited experimental area of the Institute i.e. ATIC, Solar Yard, Animal Feed Unit, Horticulture and Forestry Blocks. He took keen interest in the technologies developed by the institute and the strategic research that the institute is addressing. He appreciated institutes contribution in one of the most difficult ecologies from agriculture and animal husbandry point of view. He underlined the need to further upscale the technologies for the benefit of farmers and to modify the plan as per the changing needs of farmers. The minister also commended research work undertaken on conservation and evaluation of endangered species of medicinal and desert plants.



Earlier, Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director briefed the Minister about the historical background of the institute and apprised him about various R&D issues that are being addressed by the institute. Minister also interacted with the Heads of Divisions and other senior officials of the institute.