

## Foundation Stone of Seed Processing and Storage Unit laid at CAZRI, Jodhpur by Secretary DARE and DG ICAR

The foundation stone of Seed Processing and Storage Unit was laid by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017. This facility is being created in Seed Hub for Increasing Indigenous Production of Pulses in India under National Food Security Mission (NFSM). At this occasion Dr. J.S. Samra, Chairman RAC and Dr. S. Bhaskar, ADG (AAF&CC) were also present. DG emphasized that quality seed should be made available to the farmers on priority as this is the most effective intervention to transfer the improved technology.



Dr. Samra appreciated the role of institute in disseminating the improved technology to farmers. Dr. Bhaskar emphasized that institute's capacity would be enhanced by having this facility. Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director of the Institute informed that CAZRI seed is having its brand value and all the seed is sold out through single window system at ATIC. Dr. R.K. Bhatt, Head & PI of the project explained the details of seed production programme carried out by the CAZRI.

Dr. Mohapatra alongwith Dr. Samra and Dr. Bhaskar also visited experiments and labs of institute and appreciated the contribution of Institute in upscaling various production technologies in a very challenging ecosystem and in keeping a close watch on the status of and changing occurring in natural resources in arid regions. Dr. Mohapatra also addressed scientists of Institute.