

Input distribution and off-campus training programme under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) at Lunavas Kalan, Jodhpur

Inputs (improved seed and farm implements) distribution and one day off campus training programme under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan Scheme of Government of India, at Lunavas Kalan village of Dhawa Panchayat Samiti was organised by ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur on 23rd June 2022. A total of seventy five farmers including farm women from scheduled cast farm families were participated and benefited. Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Principal Scientist and Nodal officer Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan welcomed the participants and briefed about objectives and activities of the



Scheme. He also delivered lecture on Agro-techniques for kharif crops to enhance crop production and productivity in the regions. He also highlighted the importance of soil testing and integrated nutrient management for the different kharif crops grown in the area. Dr. H. M. Meena, Scientist (SS) explained the climate related constraints and management for better crop production. He also discussed the importance of improved varieties of crops like bajra, moong bean and moth bean etc. and explained moisture conservation techniques for improving productivity of kharif crops under limited moisture availability. During the programme improved seeds of bajra (Variety-MPMH-21), moong bean (IPM 205-7 and MH-21) and small farm implements (sickle and hand weeder) were distributed to 64 farm families. The farmers were actively participated and satisfied with the programme. They were happy after receiving the inputs and assured to adopt the improved agro techniques for the production of kharif crops. The programme was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Principal Scientist and Dr. H. M. Meena Scientist, (SS). Technical staff Shri Hanuman Ram assisted in the successful organization of the programme.