

## **Training on Scientific Cultivation of Kharif Crops organized at Ramnagar village**

Off-campus training on “Scientific cultivation of kharif crops” was organized at Ramnagar village (Balesar block, Jodhpur district) on 07 July 2023 under the SCSP in which 68 farmers and farm women participated. Dr. B.L. Manjunatha discussed with farmers about the importance of scientific practices such as use of certified seeds of improved varieties, timely sowing, line sowing and other practices. He also informed about the availability of quality seeds and planting material sold through CAZRI ATIC.

The farmers were also informed about the International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023. Everyone agreed upon the fact that IYM would be incomplete without CAZRI, western Rajasthan and its pearl millet cultivating farmers. A discussion was held on the food products prepared from bajra in different seasons of the year and farm women participated enthusiastically. Further, the significant contribution of ICAR and CAZRI in the millet revolution in general and bajra in particular was also highlighted.

After the training, 68 farmers were distributed with quality seeds of pearl millet (var. MPMH-21), greengram (MH-421) and guar (RGC-936) for laying out kharif field demonstrations. The Division of Transfer of Technology and Training has selected two new villages namely Chanchalwa and Ramnagar villages in Balesar tehsil of Jodhpur district for implementation of SCSP activities in this kharif season. Earlier, 78 farmers were distributed with quality inputs on 28<sup>th</sup> June in Chanchalwa village. The events were coordinated by Drs. B.L. Manjunatha, Dipika Hajong, Pramendra and Sh. Vinod Purohit.

