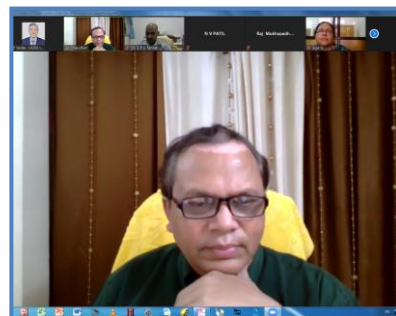
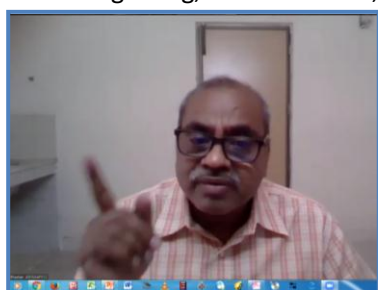


## Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (Natural Resources Management) reviews achievements and future work plan of ICAR-CAZRI through video conferencing

Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM) reviewed achievements and future work plan of ICAR-CAZRI through Video Conference Meeting on 18 May, 2020. The meeting was chaired by Dr S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM) and was attended by Dr. S Bhaskar (ADG, AAFCC); Dr. Abdul Islam (ADG, SWM); Director, CAZRI; Directors of ICAR institutes under NRM Division; PCs of various AICRPs of NRM Division; and Heads of Divisions, Heads of Regional Research Stations and scientists from CAZRI. In all 162 participants attended the meeting. Chairman Dr. S.K. Chaudhari briefly mentioned about the agenda of the meeting and invited Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director CAZRI, Jodhpur to make brief presentation on achievements of institute during 2017-2020 and future thrust programmes of the institute for the ensuing EFC 2020-2025.



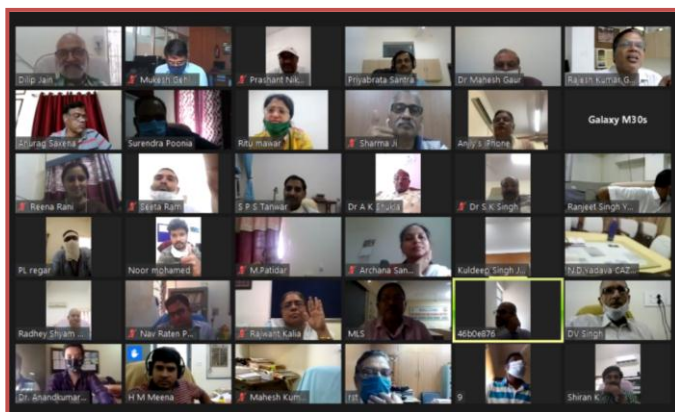
In the beginning, Dr O.P. Yadav, Director CAZRI welcomed the DDG, ADGs, Directors of NRM institutes and all scientists participating in the meeting and then presented the SFC proposal for 2020-2025. In his presentation, Dr Yadav highlighted the uniqueness, major constraints and strengths of arid ecosystem. He made a crisp presentation on the last three years achievements (2017-2020) and the programmes institute envisages undertaking during 2020-2025.



After presentation of Dr. Yadav, DDG Dr. Chaudhari led the discussion part very comprehensively and invited Heads of Divisions and Regional Research Stations of CAZRI, Directors of NRM institutes, Project

Coordinators and Heads of Divisions /Regional Research Stations of other NRM Institutes and other senior colleagues for their comments/ suggestions.

The suggestions encompassed a wide range of topics such as monitoring and management of natural resources including plant and microbial biodiversity, desertification monitoring and control, drought vulnerability assessment, multiple stress management in crops, enhancing water and nutrient use efficiency, conservation of locally adapted plant varieties and livestock breeds, improving nutritional quality of locally available fodder resources, minimising post-harvest losses and enhancing self-life of vegetables, development of efficient farm devices, scaling up agri-voltaic model, technology assessment and refinement at farmers' fields, development of successful agri-business models for improving the livelihood of farmers of arid regions, etc.



Dr. S. Bhaskar, ADG highlighted the role of improving water productivity in Rajasthan citing the success of Israel in water management. Dr. SK Chaudhari underlined the greater role of CAZRI in the present context of climate change and India's commitments in fulfilling sustainable development goals and in achieving the land degradation neutrality. He profusely appreciated all participants for their comments/suggestions and lively interaction and also advised CAZRI to take note of the various suggestions while preparing SFC 2020-2025.

In the end, Director of institute thanked DDG, ADGs, Directors, Project Coordinators and Heads of Divisions of various NRM institutes; all scientific staff of CAZRI for participating in the meeting and said that the suggestions will go a long way in developing highly focused research priorities of the institute.