

Agri-Innovation Visit Rabi -2024-25 organised at ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute under SCSP

Agri-Innovation Visit, Rabi-2024-25 was organized under Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) at ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) on February 21, 2025. About 300 farmers and farm women from Piparli, Ramnagar, Chnachalwa, Jatibhandu, Uttesar, Dhava, Gailawas, Lunawas and Khatawas villages of Jodhpur district as well as other stakeholders participated, and benefitted from this program. The exposure visit was organized to different research and demonstration units at CAZRI farm such as the integrated farming cafeteria (which comprises rabi crops such as cumin, isabgol, fenugreek, chia, quinoa, rainwater harvesting structure and horticulture), agro-forestry block, arid horticulture research unit, alternative and year-round production of green fodder, organic farm, integrated farming system, Tharparkar cow based dairy unit and small ruminants research unit to showcase the innovative agriculture technologies. Farmers were also exposed to emerging fruit crops such as fig and kamalam (dragon fruit). In charge, Director CAZRI, Dr. Sumant Vyas stated that the main objective of the programme was to demonstrate new innovations to farmers' that are being carried out by the institute. Nodal officer of the SCSP, Dr. Mahesh Kumar, explained various science-based interventions which are being carried out under this project for the socio-economic upliftment of scheduled caste farm households of the region. Heads of different divisions at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur Dr. P. Santra, Dr. Dheeraj Singh, Dr. R.K. Kakani, Dr. H.L. Khushwaha, Dr. S.P.S. Tanwar and other scientists of the institute provided a detailed deliberation about agricultural innovations and technologies to the farmers. Farmers highly appreciated the program and said that they have received valuable information on the scientific cultivation of various rabi crops, new agroforestry trees, Kalmi Khejri, integrated farming system models, rainwater harvesting structures during the exposure visit. At the end, all the visitors thanked the CAZRI Director and scientists for organizing the Agricultural Innovation visit.

