

Agri-based Small Scale Entrepreneurship Development for Livelihood Security organized by CAZRI

A 3-day off-campus training on 'Agri-based small scale entrepreneurship development for livelihood security of farmers in arid region' was organized during December 7–9, 2016 at village Utamber in Balesar tehsil by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur to create awareness among the farmers about various agri-based interventions suitable for entrepreneurial adoption for income generation activities. The programme was attended by 150 farmers including 52 women.



The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director of CAZRI. During his inaugural address he advised the farmers to adopt new agricultural technologies for improving the productivity and family income. The program comprised of both the lecture sessions and practical sessions including hand-on training to the farmers and farm women under capacity building. Information was also provided about various government schemes supporting the home-scale and small-scale entrepreneur development (*grih* and *laghu udyog*) by farming community. Major topics covered in the training program were nursery development for integrated vegetable production, crops suitable for horticultural plantation and orchard development in arid region, dairy development and management, mushroom production, vermi-compost and azolla production technology, post-harvest technology, food preservation for entrepreneurship development, protected cultivation, fodder production, solar devices for farming community etc. The training was organized as part of ICAR-ICARDA project under guidance of Dr. A. Saxena.