

Dr. C.D. Mayee, former Chairman, ASRB visited ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur

Dr. C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman ASRB, New Delhi and a renowned agricultural scientist and academician visited ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur on 21 March, 2022. He was accompanied by Sh. Bhagirath Choudhary, Board Member APEDA, GOI.

Dr. Mayee appreciated the working models of smart agriculture, low cost polyhouses, automatic input delivery system in precision farming block of the institute. He also appreciated the work done on systems of integrated farming, agri-voltaic, round-the-year fodder production through water harvesting, and use of solar energy for agricultural operations. During the discussion with scientists, he was also informed, about the impact of these interventions on farmers' income, livelihood and nutritional security in the drought prone regions. Dr. Mayee, gave his practical observations to improve the reach of these technologies by closing the gap between scientific "know-how" and farmers level to "do-how". He also suggested scientists to look for the issues arising due to improper soil and water management and emphasized to closely monitor microbial build up in polyhouses in view of changing climate scenario.



Initially the Director, Dr. OP Yadav briefed about the evolving challenges in farming of arid zone in view of climate change and in improving farm productivity in the situation of depleting water resources. He also informed about the new initiatives taken by CAZRI to address these emerging challenges and their role in achieving the land degradation neutrality by 2030.