

Model Training Course (MTC) on “Small Scale Entrepreneurial Ventures to Boost Income of Farmers in Arid Zone’ held at CAZRI

A Model Training Course (MTC) on “Small Scale Entrepreneurial Ventures to Boost Income of Farmers’ was organized at ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur during 1– 8 November, 2016. This training was sponsored by the Directorate of Extension, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, GOI, New Delhi. A total of 29 officials from various states viz., Jammu & Kashmir (4), Delhi (3), Punjab (4), Rajasthan (3), Gujarat (2), Andhra Pradesh (4), Tamil Nadu (3) and Karnataka (6) attended the training programme. The entire course content was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding about the process of entrepreneurship development.

Dr. G.S. Toteja, Director, Desert Medicine Research Centre (ICMR) who was the Chief Guest in inaugural session emphasized the contribution of ICAR in providing food security to more than billion population. Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI in his presidential remarks asked the participants to include entrepreneurship component through establishing various small scale enterprises in agriculture and allied sectors to generate income of farmers in arid regions.



A total of 35 sessions including lectures and practical were completed by eminent experts on various aspects of entrepreneurship during this training. Entrepreneurial field trip was arranged to successful entrepreneurs farm and ICICI-RSETI, Jodhpur for creating a hands-on educational experience.

The valedictory session of the training programme was held on 8th November 2016 in the august presence of Dr. V.P. Chahal, ADG (Agriculture Extension), ICAR as the Chief Guest. During his valedictory address he highlighted the significance of small scale entrepreneurial ventures focused towards the small and marginal farmers in arid zone and its importance in nation building after globalization and at the end he awarded the certificate to participants for their successful completion of training. The course was coordinated by Dr. N.A. Vijay Avinashilingam as Course Director and Dr. B.L. Manjunatha and Dr. Bhagwan Singh as Course Coordinators.