

## Training on Skill Development on Livestock-Based Farming System for Empowerment of Farm Women

ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur organised a skill training programmes on 'Skill Development on Livestock-Based Farming System for Empowerment of Farm Women' during February 4 and 7, 2017. One hundred and thirty farm women of Nagalwas cluster of Bhopalgarh tehsil, Jodhpur district participated in the on- and off-campus trainings programme. During inauguration, Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director advised the farm women to be more proactive in adoption of technologies related to livestock, horticulture and crop management. He also emphasized the use of local and nutrient rich food crops especially for children and pregnant woman. In his address, major focus was on adoption of scientific technologies like supplementary feeding of multi-nutrient block (MNB) and mixture (MNM) to livestock, use of improved crop varieties, solar feed cooker and improved *Kassi* for drudgery reduction. These interventions are critically important for careful use of natural resources for sustainable livelihood.



Dr. A.K. Misra emphasized on participatory approach for demonstration of usable technological packages for enhancing nutritional and livelihood security of farm women. He said that livestock rearing and cultivation of horticultural crops particularly Ber, Anar, Lime in backyard/farm will have positive impact in enhancing nutritional security at individual farm level and profitability of the farm. Quiz on scientific package of practice were organised during the programme.



During visit at the Institute, farm women were exposed to preparation of animal feed using locally available resources, livestock management, preparation of Amla candi, paneer etc. for enriching their knowledge and skill. The farmer women also visited ATIC, Seed Block, Fodder Production Block, Dairy Unit and Horticulture Block. Dr. Poonam Kalsh, SMS, Home Science, KVK CAZRI coordinated the training programme.

