

## Dr. B.S. Dwivedi, Member, Agriculture Scientists Recruitment Board visits ICAR-CAZRI

Dr. B.S. Dwivedi, Member (NRM) of Agriculture Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi visited the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) Jodhpur and Regional Research Station, Jaisalmer.

Dr. Dwivedi made a visit to experimental area of the Institute and scientists at Jodhpur who briefed him about ongoing research projects on integrated farming, arid horticulture, small ruminants management, commercial agroforestry, protected cultivation, seed production etc. In the interaction meeting with Head of Divisions and senior scientists of the institute, Dr. Dwivedi highlighted the important role of the institute in providing necessary resilience to climate change and higher productivity of production system from farmers' point of view. Dr. Dwivedi underlined the continuous progress and new initiatives taken by the institute.



Dr. Dwivedi visited CAZRI Regional Research Station at Jaisalmer and appreciated institute's interventions in combating desertification, sand dune stabilization, water harvesting structures and addressing issues related to irrigated farming. He appreciated the significant research and development activities being carried out under the challenging conditions of the hyper-arid region. He interacted with farmers at a Khadin site at Damodara, where farmers shared their experiences with the impact of current rainfall pattern and utility of run-off farming system in providing food security. He appreciated the knowledge of the traditional farming practices, water management and crop production in khadin system.

Earlier Dr. OP Yadav briefed Dr. Dwivedi about the research priorities of the institute, progress made in infrastructure development and efforts in bring external funding to support research areas for modern practices in arid agriculture.