

## Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), ICAR visits ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur

Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General of NRM Division, ICAR visited Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur on 14 January 2025. On his arrival at the Institute, Deputy Director General was accorded a warm welcome by Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director of CAZRI. DDG was accompanied by Director for a visit to the Institute's research activities undertaken at CAZRI research farm where he interacted with scientists especially at Integrated Farming Cafeteria developed on 2 ha area displaying all technological interventions; Ber Orchards in the Horticulture Block having more than 40 varieties of Ber, Polyhouse Vegetable Unit at the Precision Farming Block and Long-term Soil Research Block.



During the visit, Deputy Director General inaugurated four specialized and facility units in the premises of CAZRI Research Farm and residential area. These included Small Ruminants Research Unit, Plant Propagation and Training Hall, Sports Complex – Phase II, Overhead Water Tank and CAZRI Colony Garden.



In a meeting held at the CS Christian Hall in the institute's International Guest House, the DDG was felicitated by the Director, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Comptroller. Dr. O P Yadav, Director of the institute made a comprehensive presentation highlighting footprints of institute's research, development and other notable activities and thanked the DDG for inaugurating the research and facility units.



Addressing the scientists, the DDG described CAZRI as one of ICAR institutions that has scaled a significant high of achievements during last decade. He advised to publish a document to depict various initiatives undertaken in institute research for development, infrastructure creation, financial management and administrative reforms. He complimented the Director and all staff members for the institute's overall impressive progress in all the spheres including science, infrastructure development, resource generation, human resource development and outreach programmes.