

## Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (NRM) visited ICAR-CAZRI

Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (NRM), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi visited the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur. During his three-day visit, Dr. Chaudhari visited the experimental area and laboratories at Jodhpur; Regional Research Station, Pali; KVK, Pali; and farmers field.

On his arrival, he was accorded warm welcome by Director of the institute, Dr. O.P.Yadav and all the Head of Divisions/Regional stations. On the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb., he visited experimental units at CAZRI Farm; Central Nursery, ATIC, Seed house, Crop cafeteria, STP, Precision Farming block, Budded khejri block/Arboretum, Agroforestry units, IFS, Technology park, Solar yards and agri-voltaic units, Post-harvest laboratory, Organic farming, Dairy unit and Cumin experiments. He also interacted with a group of progressive farmers and CAZRI Kisan Mitras (who apprised him about the successful interventions they have made using various CAZRI technologies).

Dr. Chaudhari inaugurated Precision Farming Block, Store House, Animal Feedblock Unit, Post-Harvest Technology Laboratory, and Cacti Corner Park. He also initiated the Dragon Fruit Experimental block by planting a saplings of dragon fruit. Dr. Chaudhari visited labs of institute and gave critical suggestions. He also reviewed the progress of construction of Auditorium and visited the newly functional Agri-Business incubation



centre. DDG also addressed all staffs of the institute, had an interaction with scientists and IJSC members. He also met the Head of Divisions and Regional stations and stressed upon strengthening the Regional stations, particularly at Leh and Bhuj.

DDG visited the CAZRI RRS at Pali and the KVK unit next morning where he expressed his happiness for the well-coordinated activities undertaken at this regional station and KVK. He visited the Hemawas Dam, a water reservoir nearby where farmers grow rabi crops under conserved moisture. The ARSSF Unit also felicitated the DDG and apprised him about various problems and requirements of scientists.