

Kerala Agricultural University Students Explore Research at ICAR-CAZRI RRS, Jaisalmer

A group of 112 B.Sc. (Hons) Agriculture students from College of Agriculture, Vellanikkara, along with three faculty members, visited the ICAR-CAZRI Regional Research Station, Jaisalmer, as part of their institutional study tour. The visit aimed to provide students with first-hand exposure to agricultural research and sustainable farming practices in arid regions. Dr. R.S. Mehta, Head of the station, welcomed the students and introduced them about the mandate and research contributions of CAZRI-RRS Jaisalmer in advancing arid-zone agriculture. Dr. S.C. Meena provided insights into key insect and pest species affecting crops in the region, while Dr. Shiran discussed agroforestry systems and CAZRI's work in integrating trees with crop cultivation. Dr. Anil elaborated on the unique biodiversity and vegetation of the Thar Desert, and Dr. D. Kumar highlighted various extension activities undertaken by CAZRI to support farmers and promote sustainable agricultural practices. The students also visited research plots featuring Guggul, Cumin, Mustard, and Sewan grass, gaining practical exposure to experimental trials conducted at the station. The visit proved to be highly informative, fostering a deeper understanding of arid-zone agriculture among the students.



