

Research Interface Meeting

A research interface meeting was organized at CAZRI, RRS, Bikaner on 31 January 2025, with the aim of discussing ongoing research activities and gathering stakeholder feedback for further improvement. The meeting brought together scientists and extension workers from various units of the National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES), including SKRAU, RAJUVAS, CIAH, research centers of CSWRI, DGR, the Department of Agriculture (Government of Rajasthan), IGNP, and Hydrology and Water Management Institute, all situated in the Bikaner region. Discussions focused on several key topics, including water and energy consumption in diverse cropping systems concerning food production; suitable cultivars of chickpea, cumin, and isabgol; strategies to mitigate terminal heat stress in chickpea, mustard, wheat; the efficacy of nano-fertilizers in Indian mustard and wheat; abiotic stress management in chickpea and Indian mustard; effectiveness of organo-mineral potassic fertilizers and the popularization of Moringa based farming systems in Bikaner district. The meeting was attended by prominent experts, including Dr. Rajesh Verma (DEE, SKRAU), Dr. Data Ram (Director, Landscape Unit, SKRAU), Dr. R.S. Rathore (Incharge, Date Palm, SKRAU), Dr. N.S. Rathore (Associate Director (R), RAJUVAS), Dr. Mukesh Gahlot (DoA, GoR, Bikaner), D. Solanki (Hydrology and Water Management Institute), and Lalit Sharma (IGNP). Drs. N.R. Panwar, V.S. Rathore, N.S. Nathawat, and M.L. Soni provided insights into the ongoing research programs at CAZRI, RRS, Bikaner.

