

## National Training on Drought Mitigation and Management Organized at CAZRI

A five day National Training on 'Drought Mitigation and Management' was organized from 24-28 March, 2014 at Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur. The course was inaugurated by Dr AT Jayasheelan, General Manager, Regional Remote Sensing Centre, Jodhpur on 24 March 2014. He highlighted the use of space technologies for monitoring and early warning of drought. Dr RK Bhatt, Head of Division at CAZRI welcomed the Chief Guest and participants.



National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), New Delhi sponsored this training. Dr Suresh Kumar, Head of Division at CAZRI designed this course as its Course Director.

Twenty five participants from different Institutions, Universities, KVKs and NGOs from the states of Gujarat, Uttaranchal and Rajasthan participated. Trainees were given lectures on the basics of drought, assessment, monitoring and declaration including mitigation measures relating to different natural resources, land uses and crops. Futuristic drought management in view of climate change, breeding for drought tolerance and ensuring livelihood were highlighted. Participants were taken to field sites at CAZRI farm and also soil and water conservation sites around Jodhpur. The training was appreciated by the participants.

The training concluded on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 with distribution of certificates to participants by Dr. M.M. Roy, Director, CAZRI, Jodhpur. He stressed the need for managing drought on a permanent basis, for which CAZRI has appropriate technologies and knowhow.

Dr. K.J. Anandh Kumar from NIDM expressed happiness over successful completion of course.

In the end Dr SPS Tanwar, Senior Scientist, CAZRI proposed vote of thanks.

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