

61st Foundation Day of ICAR-CAZRI Celebrated on 1 October 2019

ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur celebrated its 61st Foundation Day on 1 October 2019. Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur was



the Chief Guest on this occasion. Dr. R.K.Bhatt and Dr. B.K.Mathur Former Head of Divisions, ICAR-CAZRI were the Guest of Honour. Prof. Santanu delivered foundation day lecture on 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Agriculture' in which he briefly highlighted the developments in the field of AI and its possible use in decision making process for the development of agriculture. He stressed upon use of COBOT (Co-working Robot) instead of robot considering the scarce availability of manpower in India. He

emphasized that it is a great achievement to provide food security to the large population of our

country. This was followed by the main function in pandal where Dr. Bhatt and Dr. Mathur shared their views on the journey of institute development. On this occasion best research paper award was given to Dr. A.K. Singh and co-authors. In technical category best worker awards were given to Dr. Subhash Kachhwa, Sh. Indra Raj Faroda and Sh. B.M.Yadav. In administration and supporting category Sh. Gulshan Batra, Sh. Govind Singh, Sh. Dharmendra Sankhala, Sh. Sanjay Purohit and Sh. Abdul Hakim were awarded. Sh. Piyush Sharma, Journalist from Haldhar Times was given appreciation certificate for his notable contribution in Agriculture Journalism.



Prof. Santanu also released two publications; Special Issue of Krishi Maru Chayanika on water and Good Agricultural Practices. Earlier, Dr. Praveen Kumar, Director I/c welcomed the guests and shared the achievements of institute in research, technology generation and human resources development. Large number of retired employees of institute along with other invited dignitaries graced this occasion. Dr. C.B. Pandey, Head & Organising secretary of the event proposed the vote of thanks.