

### **Dr. Rajbir Singh, Assistant Director General visits ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute**

Dr. Rajbir Singh, Assistant Director General (AAF&CC) from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi visited the Central Arid Zone Research Institute during 26-28 February 2023. He was accompanied by Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Director, ICAR-DKMA, New Delhi.

The ADG reviewed the research program of the institute, visited field experiments and laboratories. Dr. Singh appreciated the role of the institute in enhancing the green cover in arid regions and in developing and deploying the agri-technologies that not only increased the productivity but also enhanced the resilience of farming in one of the most challenging agro-eco-system of the world. He emphasized that CAZRI has to play a more important role in the arid regions across the globe in view of the challenges faced by farming due to climate change. The approach and strategies being followed by the institute have relevance globally. He stressed upon capacity building of farming community to empower them to take full advantages of the developments that are occurring in the arid regions. Dr. Singh also called upon to make concerted efforts in order to deal with the challenges of the cold arid regions of the country which is far more challenging.

Dr. S.K. Malhotra appreciated the innovations being undertaken by the institute in the area of seed spices, fodder production and protected cultivation of high value crops.



Earlier, Dr. Singh was accorded a warm welcome by the Director and whole staff of the institute on his maiden visit to this institute after assuming the charge of ADG. Director Dr. O.P. Yadav presented an overview of research strategies and achievements of the institute. He addressed a gathering of all the staffs at the new auditorium of the institute and cherished the overall development of research infrastructure created in the recent past and loaded the recognitions of the institute by winning several awards.