

Agri-Innovation Day *Kharif* 2024 organised at Central Arid Zone Research Institute

To showcase its innovations in Arid Agriculture, ICAR - Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) has organized "*Agri- Innovation day kharif 2024*" on 19 September 2024 in an innovative way. Farmers from the zone were invited to interact with Scientists in their experimental fields itself. They have enquired, appreciated, apprehended and absorbed the innovations being carried out at CAZRI. Also the scientists got benefitted by knowing the requirements of their clients (farmers). More than 600 farmers' and farm women from different villages of Jodhpur district participated in the program. Integrated farming Cafeteria was a one stop place that has showcased different components like plethora of *kharif* crop varieties, horticultural crops, round the year fodder production, water harvesting and its utilization and agroforestry. The interaction of these components was well explained in Integrated Farming system Experiment. Recently developed varieties of buffel grass (CAZRI Anjan 2178) and dewgram (CAZRI Moth-4 and 5) were the centre of attraction. The farmers also got attracted towards vast seed production blocks and organic farming. Live demonstrations on Pearled Pearl millet biscuit and other millet based products was carried out. The program was funded by Schedule Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) project and Model Nutri Village (funded by NABARD).

