

Chairman and Members of Rajasthan Kisan Aayog visited CAZRI, Jodhpur on 10 August 2023

Dr. Mahadev Singh Kandela, Hon'ble Chairman of Rajasthan Kisan Aayog visited Central Arid Zone Research Institute in the forenoon of August 10, 2023. He was accorded a warm welcome by Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director of the institute. Dr. G.L. Keswa (Former VC, Agriculture University, Kota), Dr. Sukhdeo Singh Burdak (Research Director, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur), Dr. Rajesh Mann (Former Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Govt. of Rajasthan), Dr. O.P. Khedar (Former Dean, Agriculture University, Alwar), Dr. I.B. Maurya (Dean, College of Horticulture and Forestry, Jhalawar), Dr. Birbal, Principal Scientist, at CAZRI-Regional Research Station, Bikaner, Smt. Sohani Choudhary (Representative, women farmer) and the Secretary, Dr. Neeta also accompanied the Chairman. Director of CAZRI, Dr. O.P. Yadav gave detailed information about the research achievements and activities of the institute. The guests visited the Alternate fodder production system technology (having fodder production of Napier and Cactus based on rainwater harvesting), the new horticulture block and the newly established Integrated Farming cafeteria. The Chairman appreciated the efforts of CAZRI for taking up innovative smart researches like the cultivation of dragon fruit, strawberry and fig in the orchard area with good results. He hoped the results of such researches would encourage younger generations in farming sector.



The Chairman also visited and appreciated the institute's effort on the establishment of an Innovative fodder block model which demonstrates intervention for year-round green fodder production having components of Napier grass, Moringa and thornless thor that has been planted for sustainable fodder production in dry areas. Principal Investigator, Dr. R.N. Kumawat further explained the usefulness of such model and stated that rain water harvesting from a building of 2500 square meters can be used to grow such alternative fodder in 0.1 hectare for 5 milch animals throughout the year. Dr. Sumant Vyas, Dr. Dheeraj Singh and Dr. P.C. Moharana, Heads of Divisions and IC-PME were also present during the visit.