

### ***Kisan Ghoshti* on scientific production technologies in *rabi* crops organized at ICAR-CAZRI**

ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute organized a *Kisan Ghoshti* on improved production technologies in *rabi* crops on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. One hundred and ninety eight farmers from Jodhpur, Barmer and Jaisalmer districts participated in the event.

The farmers and farm women visited research and demonstration units at CAZRI such as crop cafeteria of *rabi* crops, forage garden, resin block, cumin seed production, dairy unit, horticulture block, fodder production using water harvesting, agri-voltaic unit and animal feed block unit where they interacted with scientists and learnt about improved production technologies of crops and livestock management. Dr. Zabar Singh Solanki, Ex-Vice Chancellor of the Agriculture University, Kota was the chief guest and he appreciated the research and extension efforts of CAZRI. Dr. S.K. Singh, Director, ATARI Jodhpur applauded the efforts of institute in organizing the event timely. Mrs. Jyoti Jyani, Member of IMC also attended the meeting and appreciated the new crops being introduced by CAZRI along with cultivation of tomato and capsicum in protected agriculture.

Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director CAZRI called upon farmers to adopt new technologies and to diversify their farming for increasing their income and enhancing the resilience. He also exhorted farmers to organize themselves into Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to increase their bargaining power in the market. He added that farmers should adopt healthy practices for management of natural resources in arid region.



The field visits were followed by the Kisan Ghosthi. The queries of farmers on production and management of arable and horticultural crops, livestock, pest and disease management were addressed by the scientists. Earlier, Dr. Pratibha Tewari, Head of the Division of Transfer of Technology and Training and Coordinator of the Kisan Gosthi welcomed the farmers and dignitaries. She informed that Ghosthi was organized keeping in view that *rabi* production technologies demonstrated at research farm. Keeping in view the guidelines of Covid-19, all the precautions were taken. Participants were distributed with masks and hand sanitizers at all gathering places. Dr. Vipin Chaudhary, Principal scientist proposed the vote of thanks.