

Secretary DARE and Director General ICAR visits CAZRI RRS, Jaisalmer and Bikaner

Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR visited CAZRI Regional Research Station (RRS) Jaisalmer on 29-30 September and Bikaner on 2 October, 2018. He was accompanied by Dr. O.P. Yadav Director of institute. Director General took keen interest in research activities undertaken by both RRS. At Jaisalmer, he visited silvi-pasture experiments, seed production block of Sewan grass (*Lasiurus indicus*), newly established nursery, guggal plantation and paddocks with sheep-based grazing experiments and provided critical suggestions. Dr. Mohapatra also visited solar power plant of LANCO at Lathi and discussed its functioning and technical issues related to solar power generation.



Dr. T. Mohapatra visited CAZRI, RRS, Bikaner in the forenoon of 2nd October, 2018 along with Dr. J. Jena, DDG (Fisheries Science) Dr. N.D. Yadava, Head, Regional Research Station briefed the dignitaries about mandate and priorities of the station. The on-going activities of research experiments and farm were shown and briefed to the DG on which he expressed his happiness on the on-going research activities and maintenance of the farm under challenging agro-climatic conditions. He highlighted the importance and need of animal based-cropping systems for this region. He suggested to add and evaluate more number of components of perennial nature and value-added products that can increase the income of the farmers under rainfed conditions. A book entitled “*Shushk kshetro mein charagah vikas avam pashu prabandhan* (in Hindi)” was released on this occasion.

DG addressed and interacted with the staff of both RRS.