

## Training programme on Cultivation of fodder crops and livestock management for Farmers at Harsolav village on 1 February 2017

A Farmers-training programme on Cultivation of fodder crops and livestock management practices was organized at Harsolav village of Merta tehsil in Nagaur District on 01 February 2017. Director CAZRI, Dr. O.P. Yadav, inaugurated the function and addressed the farmers for adopting improved livestock and agricultural technologies for improving their income and livelihood. He emphasized the importance of education and use of Information technology in adopting agricultural technologies and thus advised them to provide better education to their children. He also told farmers to use CAZRI App to learn agricultural technologies for arid farming. Dr. A.K. Mishra highlighted the various programs related to increasing the agricultural productivity through livestock farming system. Dr B. K. Mathur explained methods of preparation of low cost balance ration for cattle using *Prosopis juliflora* pod. This technology is farmers and village friendly and helps in increasing milk yield and reduces the cost of concentrate. By using the pod for concentrate the unwanted spread of *Juliflora* may be reduced. Dr, P.R Meghwal elaborated improved package of practices for ber cultivation by highlighting the importance of timely pruning and insecticide application. Dr. M.Patidar coordinated the programme and emphasized the importance of fodder crops and grasses in the farming systems for sustainable livestock production and lively security. He also explained improved technologies for pasture development, growing fodder crops under limited water availability condition. The problems of farmers regarding Orobanche in mustard and excessive use of insecticide and chemical harmful for beneficial insects in crops were discussed and the possible solution were provided. 130 farmers participated in the programme.

