

## Rodent management training cum exposure visits under SCSP programme

ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Regional Research Station, Bikaner organized two rodent management training and exposure field visits under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan. One day duration two farmers' trainings were conducted on 05.09.2024 and 06.09.2024 on the subject of preventing damage to crops by rodents (rats). 51 farmers (43 male farmers and 08 female farmers) of villages Salasar and Naiyon Ki Basti participated in the first rodent management training and field visit on 05.09.2024 and 50 farmers (38 male farmers and 12 female farmers) of villages Chani, Golari and Indo Ka Bala participated in the second rodent management training and field visit on 06.09.2024. On this occasion, Dr. Vipin Kumar Chaudhary, Principal Scientist and In-charge, All India Network Project-Vertebrate Pest Management, CAZRI, Jodhpur delivered lecture about different types of rats and told the farmers about various techniques regarding rat control. Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Principal Scientist and Nodal Officer of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan informed the farmers about the importance of Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan. Dr. Navratan Panwar, Head of this Regional Research Station informed the farmers about Integrated Farming System management. Dr. G.L. Bagdi, Principal Scientist and Training Coordinator talked about the importance of self-help groups in increasing the income of farmers. Other scientists of the institute, Dr. M.L. Soni, Dr. Birbal, Dr. V.S. Rathore, Dr. N.S. Nathawat and Dr. R.S. Shekhawat conducted exposure visits of farmers on research farm and explained them information about advanced techniques on various subjects. Live demonstration on making of poisonous bait for rodent management was also given. A total of 101 male and female farmers participated in both the rodent management trainings and field visit programs and benefited from the information about advanced techniques. Trainee farmers were distributed 25000 Napier grass cuttings, 95 Secateurs and 6 manual hand weeders to all the 101 male and female farmers under both the rodent management training and field visit programs.

