

Visit of Dr. Jacques Wery, DDG (Research) & Dr.A.Sarker (SACRP), ICARDA during February 14-15, 2020 at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur

Dr. Jacques Wery, DDG (Research), & Dr. A.Sarker, ICARDA visited ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur on 14.2.2020. During his visit in CAZRI, DDG took keen interest in technologies related to sewage water treatment and its application, field trials exhibited under crop cafeteria, protected cultivation, solar yard, dairy unit, napier cultivation, date palm and horticulture. He appreciated the value added products of Bajra produced at Post Harvest Technology Lab and the innovative idea of establishing 'crop cafeteria' meant to demonstrate the comparative performance of different varieties of rabi crops. He also interacted with the various Heads of divisions and expressed his desire to work in collaboration with CAZRI in research activities. In the beginning Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI welcomed the delegates and highlighted the significant accomplishments of CAZRI made in arid regions.



On the next day i.e. 15.2.2020 a field visit was arranged to Farmer FIRST & ICARDA project sites at Popawas Panchayat & Ajeet nagar. He exhibited a great deal of interest in visiting various successful interventions developed under FFP i.e. Water harvesting structures with micro-irrigation, Crop interventions (Wheat & Cumin), IFS Systems & Improved Animal Feed Solar Cooker adopted at ground level. Under ICARDA, he was taken to the rain water harvesting system, which provides supplementary irrigation to mustard, barley and chick pea at Ajeetnagar. He lauded the effort taken by CAZRI under both the projects in addressing the various issues of natural resource management in one of the most harsh agro-climatic region i.e. Western dry region. Further he emphasized the need to upscale the technologies for the benefit of farmers in consortium approach as per the changing needs of farmers.

Dr. A.Sarker (SACRP), ICARDA who was also present on the occasion encouraged the project team scientists for doing innovative work undertaken on resource conservation and utilization under both the projects. Dr. Vijay Avinashilingam, N.A., PI, Farmers FIRST Programme and Dr. R.N.Kumawat, PI, ICARDA project were also present during the visit.