

Training on Crop Diversification organized for farmers from Punjab

Training program on “Crop Diversification” was organized at CAZRI for progressive farmers from Mansa district, Punjab from 14-16 December, 2022. Ten farmers and three extension officers from District Agriculture Department, Mansa participated in the training program which was sponsored by the Government of Punjab. Interaction session was organized at ATIC in which trainees shared that farmers in Mansa district cultivate predominantly cotton, rice and wheat, as farmers have realized the importance of diversification in the context of degradation of natural resources. Director CAZRI Dr. O.P Yadav expressed his views on integration and diversification of dryland technologies. The trainees were exposed to various research and demonstration units at CAZRI such as nursery for agro-forestry and arid fruit crops, rabi crop cafeteria, vegetable cultivation under polyhouse, traditional arid horticulture (ber, gonda), newly introduced horticultural crops (pomegranate, date palm, fig and kamalam), alternative fodder resources, Integrated Farming System model for arid region, dairy and sheep pen units. Practical sessions were organized on postharvest processing and value addition of arid produce. They were also exposed to ATIC, Agri Business Incubator center and KVK activities. Trainees appreciated the research and extension activities undertaken at CAZRI in integrated farming system mode. The training programme was coordinated by Drs. Dipika Hajong, Pramendra and B.L Manjunatha under the supervision of Dr. Pratibha Tewari (HD-VI). Drs. SPS Tanwar, S.Poonia, Pradeep Kumar, S.Kacchawaha interacted with participants.



