

## ICAR institutes organized Technology Exhibition at Krishi and Pasu Mela in Barmer, Rajasthan

ICAR, New Delhi and its institutes (CAZRI, Jodhpur, CIAH, Bikaner; CSWRI, Avikanagar, NRCC, Bikaner, ATARI, Jodhpur, IIMR, Hyderabad) organized Agri-Technology exhibition in the historic Mallinath Krishi and Pasu Mela at Tilwara village of Barmer District during 21-22 March, 2023. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Shri Parshotam Rupala in the presence of Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Kailash Choudhary, Deputy Director General of ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. B.N. Tripathi. The exhibition having more than 100 stalls erected by the ICAR Institutes, State Agricultural Universities, KVKs, government departments, start-ups, developmental agencies, seed corporations, input suppliers etc. depicted technological display. This included technologies related to field crops, horticultural crops, livestock rearing, vertical farming, hydroponics, aeroponics, dairy products and value added items of Millet crops, fodder-beet, napier grass, agro-voltaic systems, solar power equipments, poly house agriculture, animal feed, azola, seeds of rabi and kharif crops, seeds of grasses attracting the attention of several thousand farmers visiting the Mela.



Addressing the farmers, the Chief Guest of the event, Shri Parshotam Rupala, Union Minister, highlighted various Central Government plans and schemes to protect and promote the livestock for the sake of providing employment to the new generation. He reminded about the importance of camel/goat/cow milk and their value added products in this part of arid region. He also mentioned about Mobile Veterinary Ambulance Services to save animals from disease and suffering. He released

booklets on nutritional powder of camel milk and ragi, jowar, millet products by National Research Center on Camel, Bikaner in the fair.

Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Kailash Chaudhary highlighted the effort of research institutions and farmers of this region which has brought revolutions in agriculture and horticulture in the driest part of the region. He spoke about Government's various farmer-centric initiatives like Kisan Samman Nidhi, FPO, Price Promotion and Crop Insurance Scheme etc. to ensure more income for the farmers from farming. On this occasion, Insurance policies under the *Meri Policy Mere Haath* program were distributed to farmers by the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi.

Deputy Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi Dr. B.N. Tripathi narrated efforts of council and about ongoing research programmes in the field of animal husbandry.

Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director of Central Arid Zone Research Institute and the organizer of the event welcomed all the guests and informed about the various activities of the fair. Winners of horse race, camel race, milk competition held during the mela were awarded.