

## CAZRI celebrated International Women's Day at Balarwa Village

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Balarwa village, Tinwri tehsil, Jodhpur district with the theme of "Role of Women on Livestock Production for a Better Tomorrow". The programme was organized under the project "Improving Livestock Production System through Technology Interventions in Arid Rajasthan". Forty eight farm women and livestock keepers participated in the programme. Dr. Dipika Hajong highlighted the role of farm women in livestock sector and importance of adoption of scientific technologies for enhancing the farm income. Importance of colostrum feeding, benefits of feeding mineral mixture and deworming were discussed. Farm women shared various issues affecting the livestock sector. Traditional subsistence cattle rearing is being replaced by commercial buffalo rearing. Goats are reared by almost every farm household to augment farm income. Farm women shared that 80% of livestock activities are managed by them. The scope of dairy enterprise and the economic benefit that can be generated through dairy based products and its importance among the consumers were discussed in detail. After the programme, Multi Nutrient Feed Blocks developed by CAZRI were distributed to farm women. The training was organized by Dr. Dipika Hajong.

